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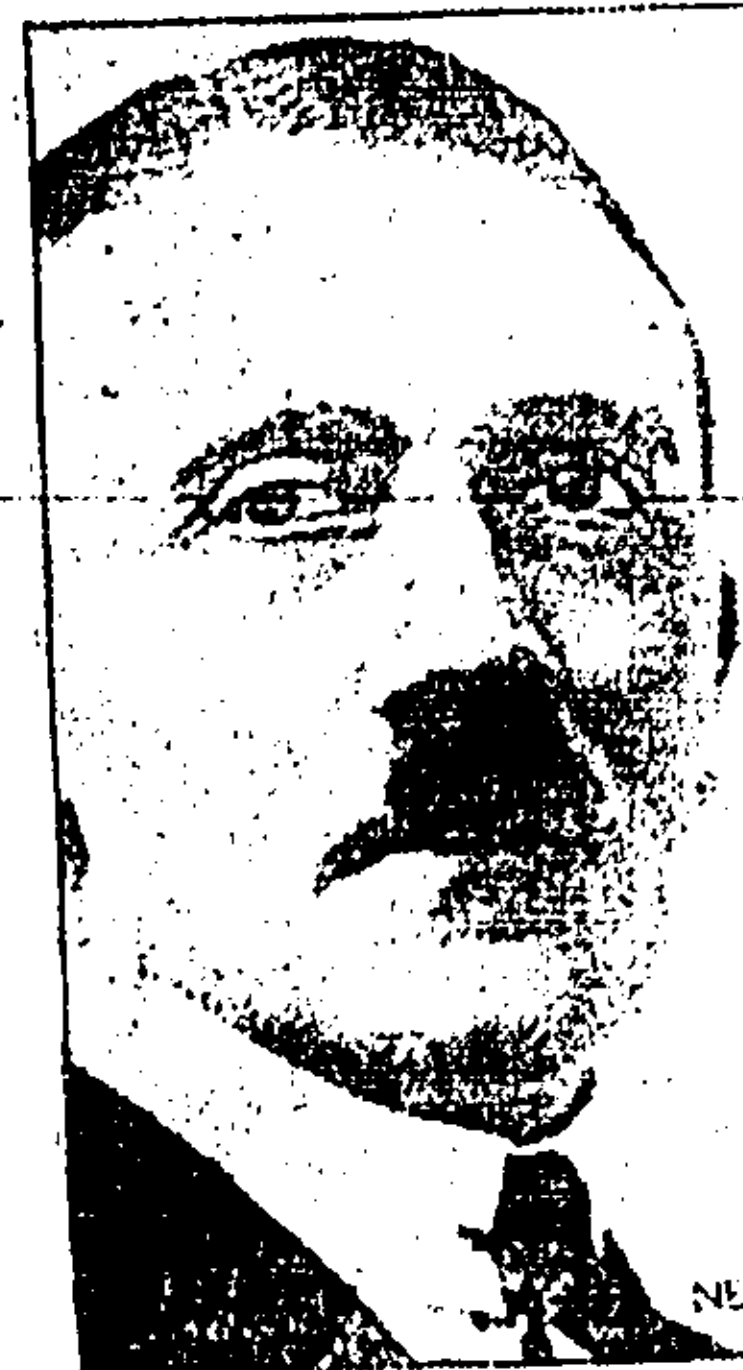
24-HOUR BREATHING SPELL: FOUR POWER MEET



MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN



M. DALADIER



HERR HITLER



SIGNOR MUSSOLINI

Last Minute Decision Lifts Clouds of War

HERR HITLER HAS AGREED TO A FOUR POWER CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT MUNICH TO-DAY AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M. DALADIER, SIGNOR MUSSOLINI AND THE GERMAN FUEHRER.

In consequence of this Conference, Herr Hitler has announced that Mobilisation of the German forces will be delayed until Sunday.

Important new proposals are believed to have been made by France and Britain in an effort to halt the threat of war.

A "Trans-Ocean News Agency" message states that Czechoslovakia has been requested by Britain and France to immediately evacuate the Sudeten areas where there is an incontestable majority of Germans. The report states that Czechoslovakia is being informed that France will intervene in war only if the new frontier defined in the Anglo-French proposals is menaced.

Despite the relaxation of tension caused by Herr Hitler's agreement to a Conference, Britain and other interested Powers continue to take Home precautions against any developments.

BERLIN, Sept. 28.

It is reported here that the British and French Ministers in Prague have made new representations to the Prague Government in an eleventh hour effort to avert war.—United Press.

Czechs to Evacuate?

Paris, Sept. 28.
It is stated here that M. Edouard Daladier has made a highly important declaration to a deputation of about fifty Right Wing deputies who called on him to obtain information.

M. Daladier stated that he is about to address a request to Dr. Benes, President of Czechoslovakia, to order the evacuation of the Sudeten areas where there is an incontestable majority of Germans, and to inform the President at the same time that France would intervene only if the new frontier defined in the Anglo-French proposals was menaced.—Trans-Ocean.

Commence at 6 p.m.

Munich, Sept. 29.
The Four Power Conference will hold its first meeting here at 11 a.m. (6 p.m. Hongkong time) when all the statesmen have arrived.

The deliberations will be held in the recently completed Fuehrer Building on the Koenigsplatz.—Trans-Ocean.

Will Fly to Munich

London, Sept. 28.
Mr. Chamberlain will fly to Munich tomorrow accompanied by Sir Horace Wilson, Sir William Mallin, Mr. F. Ashton-Gwatkin, Mr. William Strang, Lord Douglas and a personal detective and other officials. The plane, which will leave Heston Airport, is the super-Lockheed which carried Mr. Chamberlain to Cologne last week. It is expected to cover the 600 miles journey in about three hours.

The plane will be flown by Commander A. F. Robinson, Senior Pilot of British Airways, who participated in all previous flights to Germany. He will be accompanied by Commander V. E. Flowerday, a master pilot of British Airways, and Chief Radio Officer A. Woodall.

A second machine of the same type will convey the other members of the party. It will be piloted by Commander D. S. King, First Officer A. G. Nicholson, with Radio Officer A. M. Wood.—Reuter.

Italians Depart

Rome, Sept. 28.
Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano left by special train for Munich to-night.—Reuter.

Daladier's Departure

Paris, Sept. 28.
M. Daladier, the French Prime Minister, leaves at 8.30 a.m. tomorrow to fly to Munich, accompanied by Mr. Clapier, Director of the Prime Minister's Office, M. Leger, Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry, and M. Rochat, Director of the Bureau of European Affairs at the Foreign Office.—Reuter.

Daladier's Announcement

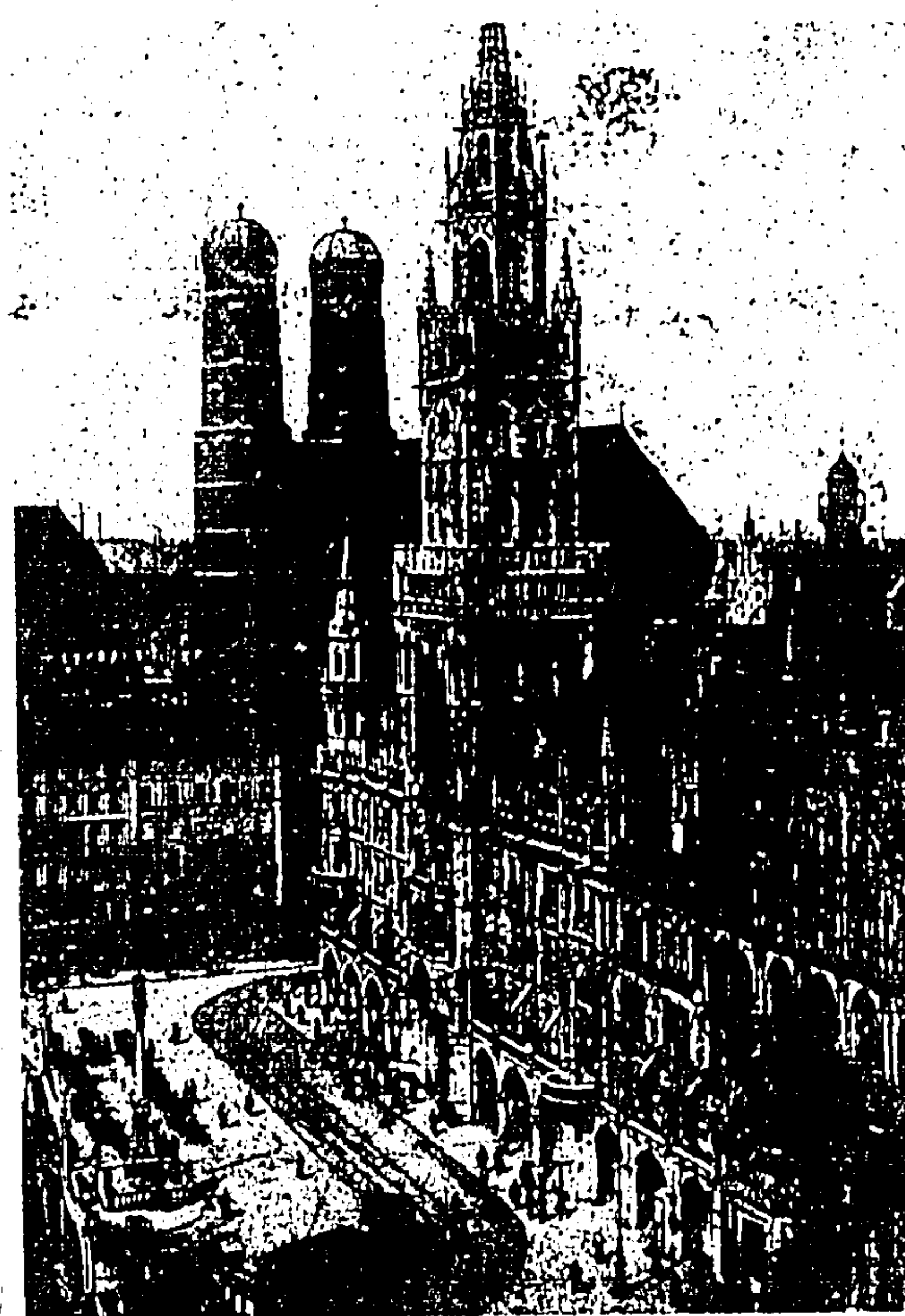
Following an announcement by Premier Daladier last night that he had received a personal invitation from the German Chancellor to attend the Munich conference—an historic precedent—M. Daladier was forced to alter his plans considerably, and the speech to the nation which was to have been delivered last night became no more than a brief declaration.

"It has been decided," said M. Daladier in his announcement, "to hold a Four Power conference at Munich. I have accepted the invitation. You will understand that on the eve of such important conversations I must defer from saying anything of the declaration I intended to make had this conference not eventuated."

"On the eve of my departure I wish to thank the French people for the firm and dignified attitude they have adopted and to thank, above all, those Frenchmen called to the Colours and the renewed proof they have given of their calmness."

"My task is difficult. In view of the difficulty I did not cease for a single day to work for peace and to safeguard France's vital interests. To-morrow I shall continue these (Continued on Page 4.)

THIS IS WHERE THEY MEET



The Marienplatz in Munich, with the New Town Hall and the Frauenkirche

CORRESPONDENCE ON CRISIS SHOWN IN WHITE PAPER

LONDON, Sept. 28.

A WHITE PAPER has been issued containing the correspondence respecting the negotiations concerning Czechoslovakia, Lord Runciman's letter to the Premier on September 21, the Anglo-French proposals presented to Czechoslovakia, and Mr. Chamberlain's first letter to Herr Hitler, written for the purpose of clarifying the situation and accelerating their first conversations.

In later correspondence Mr. Chamberlain says to Herr Hitler: "Doubtless the plan you propose would, if it were accepted, provide an immediate easing of the tension, but I don't think you realised the impossibility of my agreeing to put forward any plan unless I have reason to suppose it would be considered by public opinion in my country and the world generally as carrying out the principles already agreed upon in an orderly fashion and free from the threat of force."

"I am sure that an attempt to occupy forthwith by German troops the areas, which will become part of the Reich at once in principle and very shortly afterwards by formal delimitation, would be condemned as

an unnecessary display of force. "Even if I felt it right to give this proposal to the Czechs, I feel convinced that they would not regard it as being in the spirit of the arrangement which we and the French urged upon them, and which they accepted on our recommendation."

"In the event of troops moving as you propose, there is no doubt that the Czechs have no option but to order their forces to resist, and this would mean the destruction of the basis upon which you and I agreed to work together, namely, to orderly settlement rather than a settlement by the use of force."

"There must surely be alternatives to your proposal."—Reuter.

Summary Rejection

London, Sept. 28.
It is disclosed here that Herr Hitler, in his reply to Mr. Chamberlain's letter, summarily rejected the Czech arguments regarding the German Memorandum.

Replying to Mr. Chamberlain's appeal for peace, the Fuehrer stated that "I openly declare that I cannot bring myself to understand these arguments or admit they can be regarded as being seriously put."

This response was in reply to a letter sent by Mr. Chamberlain on September 26, asking the Chancellor to agree to a conference as a method of settling the Sudeten difficulty. In his letter Herr Hitler said that the demand for an immediate German occupation of the Sudeten areas represented no more than a security measure designed to guarantee the quick and smooth working of a final settlement.

If Germany renounced the demand and left the further treatment of the problem to negotiations the "present unbearable conditions in the Sudeten areas" will continue to exist for a period the length of which cannot be foreseen. I must leave it to your judgement whether in the face of these facts you think you should continue your efforts."—United Press.

Cheering Crowds

London, Sept. 28.
Cheering crowds ran behind the Prime Minister's car in Whitehall and formed about it as Mr. Chamberlain (Continued on Page 4.)

Chamberlain's Great Fight to Stop War Threat

COMMONS HUSHED AS PREMIER REVEALS HIS NEGOTIATIONS

IN ONE OF THE MOST STIRRING AND DRAMATIC SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS SINCE SIR EDWARD GREY'S FAMOUS DECLARATION ON AUGUST 3, 1914, MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN REVEALED LAST NIGHT THAT HERR HITLER HAD AGREED TO POSTPONE MOBILISATION OF THE GERMAN ARMY FOR 24 HOURS WHILE A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE, CONSISTING OF GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, ITALY AND GERMANY, WAS HELD AT MUNICH.

The announcement was greeted by unimaginable relief. Danger is not yet past, but it is believed that the British Prime Minister will be able to encourage Herr Hitler not to give the final word for Mobilisation, which would undoubtedly plunge Europe into war.

The Conference commences at Munich immediately. He would join in an international guarantee.

Referring to the events of September 1, when Sir Neville Henderson saw Herr von Ribbentrop and repeated the urgent warning he had given the State Secretary on the previous day, Mr. Chamberlain said that the Government desired to impress the seriousness of the situation on the German Government without formal representations, which the German Government might interpret as a public rebuff as in the case of our representations of May 25.

"The British Minister in Prague emphasised that it was vital in the interests of Czechoslovakia to afford immediately without reservations those conditions without which the Sudeten question could not be considered settled."

"Subsequently Sir Neville Henderson expressed the leading German personalities at Nuremberg the attitude of the British Government. No personal representations were made to Herr Hitler as such action might have had the contrary effect to what was intended."

"When I returned from Berchtesgaden Lord Runciman expressed the view that in consequence of the most recent developments the Sudeten should be given the right to self-determination immediately, while the integrity of Czechoslovakia could only be maintained if the internal and external policy was directed at enabling her to live at peace with all her neighbours."

FINDING THE SOLUTION

"After consultations with M. Daladier and M. Bonnet I was guided in my desire to find a solution which would not bring about a European war."

"The Czech Government was immediately urged to agree to a transfer to the Reich of all areas containing over 50 per cent. Sudeten inhabitants."

"In joining guarantees for Czechoslovakia's security against all unprovoked attacks Britain was accepting the new commitment I mentioned, and note was being taken of the claims of Poland and Hungary for similar treatment for their minorities. The Government, however, was concentrating all its efforts on the Sudeten problem on which depended the peace of Europe."

"Coming to the Godesberg incident, I explained the terms of the Anglo-French plan to Herr Hitler. He made no objection, but said that he could not enter a guarantee unless Italy did likewise."

"I said that I did not ask Herr Hitler to enter a guarantee but wanted to know if he was willing to conclude a non-aggression pact."

"He said again that he could not do so while other minorities in Czechoslovakia were still unsatisfied, but he had since put views of a more positive form and has said that when these claims were satis-

POSTPONEMENTS OF TALKS

After referring to Herr Hitler's refusal to agree to Mr. Chamberlain's other proposals, Mr. Chamberlain continued:

"The House will realise my perplexity after Herr Hitler had told me that if the principle of self-determination was accepted he would discuss with me ways and means of carrying it out."

"However, I do not believe he had deliberately deceived me or raised false hopes."

"As regards the postponement of the talks scheduled for the follow-

(Continued on Page 12.)

STOP PRESS

Yunnanfu Bombed

Shanghai, Sept. 29.
Central News states that Japanese planes, for the first time since the war commenced, bombed Yunnanfu to-day.

It is reported by the Chinese that three Japanese planes were shot down and eleven Japanese killed. Chinese casualties were light. The Yunnanfu Normal School was completely wrecked.—United Press.

TYPHOON SIGNAL LOWERED

The typhoon signal was lowered at 9.10 a.m.
A Royal Observatory report states that a typhoon of small intensity and area probably went ashore at Swatow some time early this morning.

JAPANESE USE GAS IN NORTH

Wuning, Sept. 28.
After the Chinese annihilation of a detachment of troops south-west of the Juichang-Wuning highway on September 28, the Japanese have brought up reinforcements and are making a new westward thrust on the highway.
Violent fighting is reported to be (Continued on Page 4.)

World Reactions To New Developments

Paris, Sept. 28.

The announcement of the Munich Conference surprised Paris but immediately brought a great relaxation of the current tension.—Reuter.

U.S. Pleased

Washington, Sept. 28.
White House circles regard Herr Hitler's invitation as most encouraging and Wall Street greeted the news with a rousing rally.—Reuter.

Geneva Delighted

Geneva, Sept. 28.
The announcement of the Munich meeting was received with the

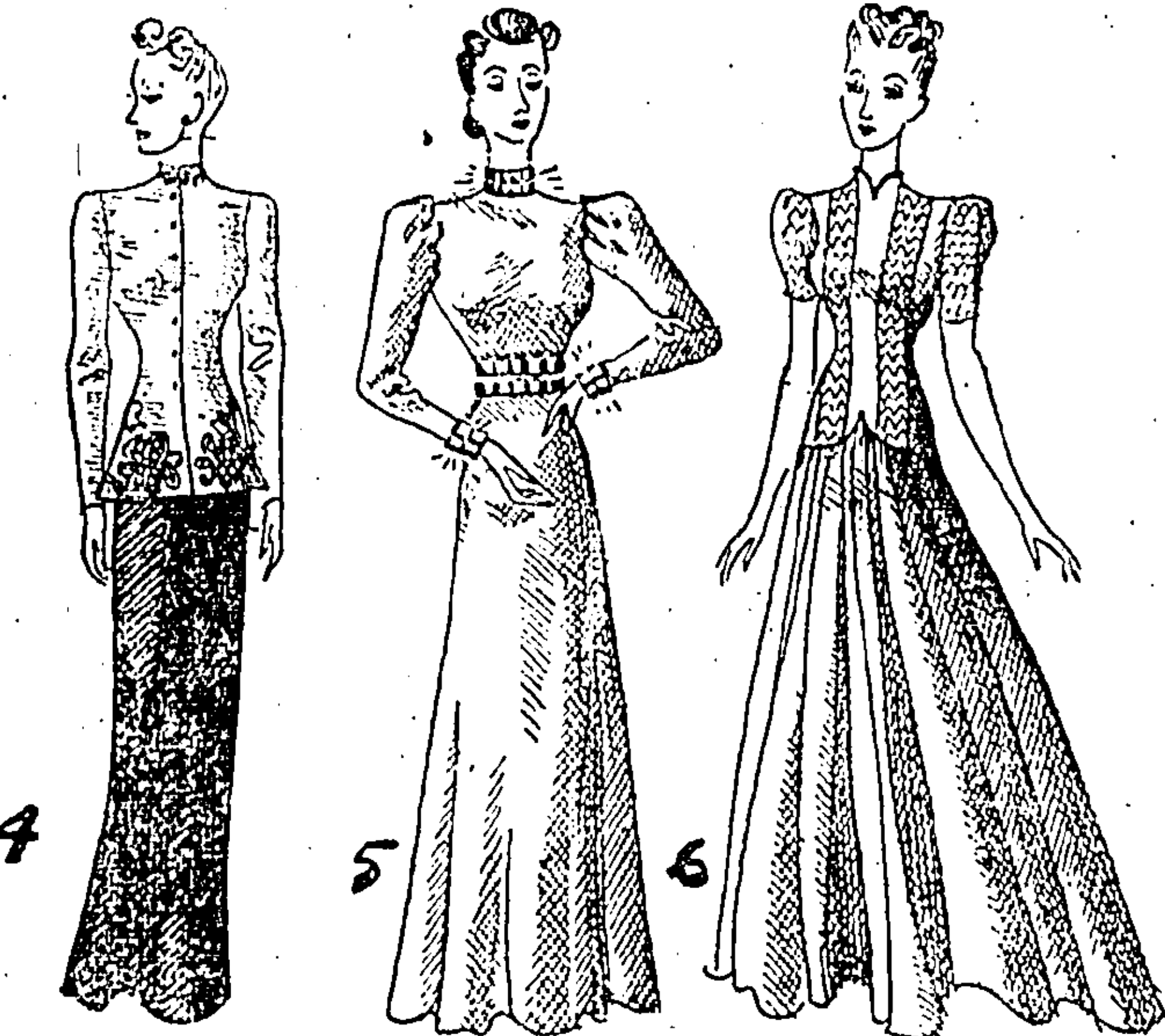
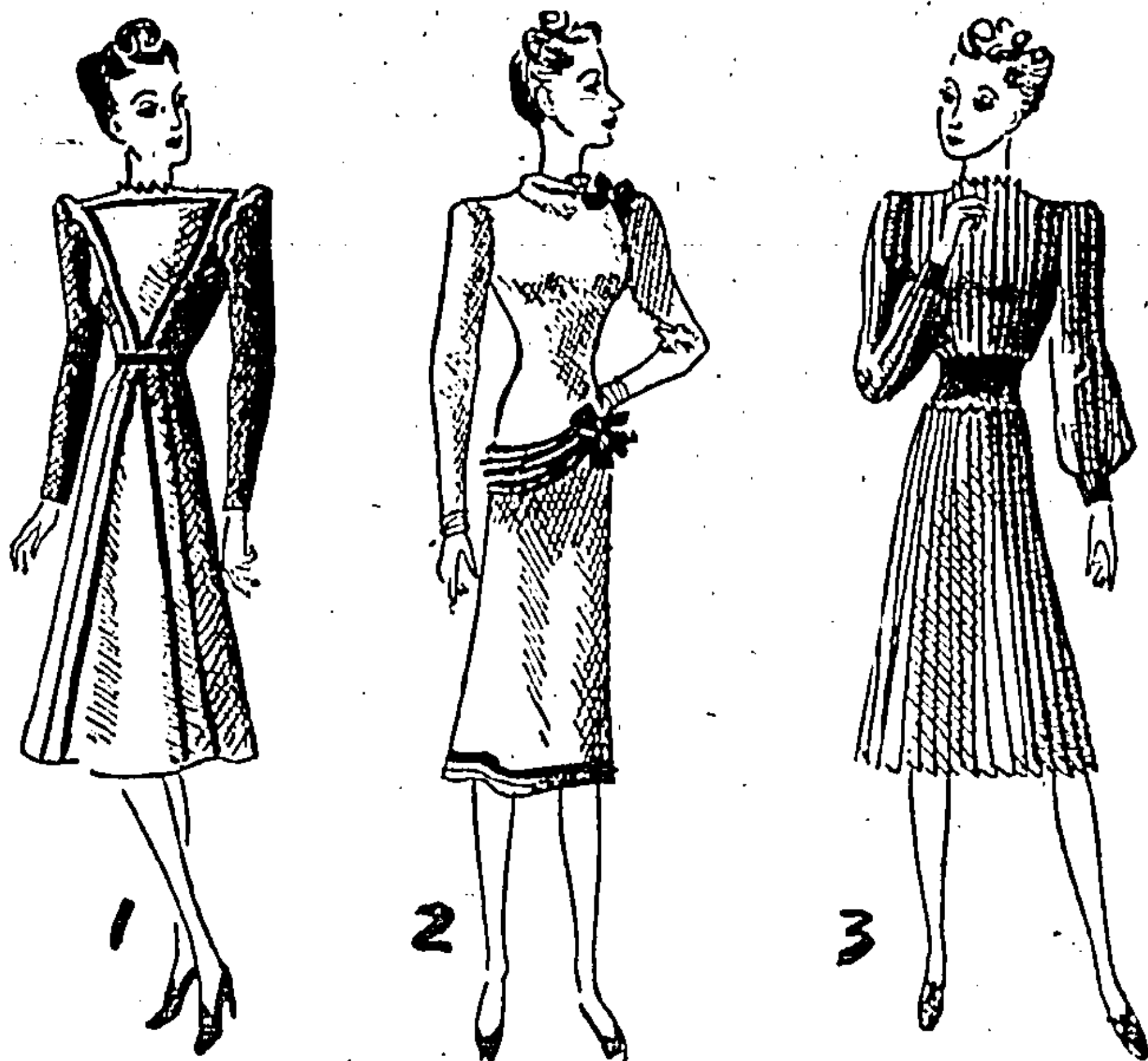
greatest surprise here. It has aroused the liveliest hopes of a peaceful settlement.

Mr. Chamberlain's policy is warmly praised on all sides.—Reuter.

Jill Adam gives an outline of

Night Lines

GENERAL TREND—As in the day mode, simple lines that flatter the figure are seen side by side with an extravagant pre-war silhouette; basques, panniers and tunics. The jutting jumper line will certainly mark you as up-to-date; but if you stick to slightly emphasised waist and shoulders, with a skirt that flows easily without a break from the waist, you will be equally in fashion. The first three dresses, though planned in the designs for afternoon, are equally suitable for "don't dress" evenings.



Look At That Back View

NOBODY ever seems to bother about the back of things.

Think of the back of your shoes, or your books, or your furniture. They are there merely because the front has to end sometime, but no one ever dreams of trying to make a thing of beauty out of them.

Maybe it is because backs are never troubled about, that women take so little care over their own.

Certainly, there are many fascinating collures (in the front), and delightful complexions, and intricate little jabots on blouses. Handbags and gloves are works of art—but never from the back view. (When gloves are concerned, of course, it is the front which is not often seen, and it is therefore quite plain.)

Now, one realises that with something like a desk or a sideboard, the back portion really is not so important as the front. It is pushed against the wall and nobody wants to bother about pushing it out again to see if the craftsman has cunningly hidden any valuable carving at the back.

But a woman's back view is different. It is seen almost as often as her face. Unfortunately it is never so charming!

An Untidy Appearance

Just watch a group of young girls as they jump off a bus in the morning. The first one has two loose curls dangling down her neck. The second has stray ends of hair decorating her shoulders. The third has forgotten to brush the hem of her coat and it is still muddy from the walk she took over the weekend. You can see, however, that the front lapels have been most carefully brushed.

The next girl has been a little more careful—until she put on her stockings. The suspenders have dragged one of them round and the seam is out of place. Her companion either cannot or will not be bothered to have the heels of her shoes repaired, but they sadly need it!

The list is endless. You can include for yourself sagging hemlines

and petticoats which show, or collars which are merely roughly tacked at the back although they are nicely stitched at the front.

If only every woman could be forced to walk for fifty yards with a full-length mirror "stepping out" behind her, we should soon see an improvement. It is because she never sees her own back that a woman imagines no one else can see it either (or at least, if she was at all conscious of the bad impression she was making, she would soon take steps to alter things.)

The next time you are going out—be it a party, a dinner, or only shopping—do turn yourself around and have a look at your back. Before you finally leave your bedroom, make quite certain that it is a graceful compliment to the front of your person.

If every woman followed this hint, our streets and offices would soon begin to look a great deal brighter.

O. Y.

DON'T DRESS

1 This charming line, achieved by shaped panels outlined by braiding or padded seams, is seen in many afternoon dresses of crepe, fine wool or jersey. Sleeves are often like long gloves—the "gauntlets" forming accent on shoulders.

The same line is seen when folds, or pleats, are pulled in at the waist to be released again below it. Aik makes such dresses miracles of subtle drapery.

2 The jumper line for afternoon takes endless forms: one of the newest is to have it beltless, fitted to the figure, the back drapery held by a bow to echo the shaped band and bow where jumper joins skirt. This line may be either followed in a one-piece dress (as in the sketch) or by having a separate jumper top. The great advantage of this is that you could then use the jumper over a long skirt to make a dinner dress.

3 This is very new line. The fullness of bodice and skirt is held by cartridge pleats to a firmly moulded central section, which appears to be part of an underslip. This gives quite a fresh turn to the theme of hip and bust accented at the expense of a much minimised waist. Somewhat the same effect may be achieved more simply by taking one of the full gathered blouses of last season, but instead of tucking the fullness into the skirt, mount it on to a fitted waist section. Worth showed several such afternoon blouses over shaped skirts.

DINNER DRESS

4 Here is the jutting jumper line, very much seen for dinner dresses and worn over slim or medium skirts. Rouff even showed this line without a waist; but as a rule these jutting jumpers are belted but belted, with high military collars and accent on hips by plaques of embroidery.

These jumpers may also be worn under afternoon suits, provided the jackets are also of the jutting variety.

5 Here is just one of the many variations in the simple moulded line with high neck, long sleeves and flowing skirt. Sleeves may be full and bishop, or slim and moulded; but in all cases the neck will be high, the colour dark, and the decoration restrained and dignified. A belt, provided the lines of the dress accent the waist, is not necessary. You could have an applique bow or piece of embroidery in front or at the side.

6 The shorter fitted jumper must meet its skirt where the fullness begins, making a continuous line from waist to hem; but here again the skirt may be full or slender (never quite straight). High necks are the rule: either collared and moulded like this striped velvet model, or tailored and buttoned like a little shirt top, as in many lame models, worn over velvet skirts.

FULL DRESS

7 The jumper top is even seen in full evening models; here richly embroidered and moulded above a medium full skirt, and, of course, not separate from it.

But sometimes such jumper tops come right down over the hips to mid-thigh; the return of the not very graceful mermaid line. Or jumper tops in evening dress are full and flaring, like pre-war models.

8 Much more graceful is the churched corsage held in place by velvet or satin bands emphasising the lines of the figure. This may be seen above slender or picture skirts, and often has tiny sleeves, as in the sketch. Sometimes the bands continue up in the same colour as the skirt over a contrasting bust section.

9 And here is the slender outline seen in many types of model. Here the fullness is kept in front; other slender dresses are almost Greek, with banding holding the drapery over the bust and high to the throat. Others have almost a princess line.

In other words, the three evening lines, jumper, picture or princess, may have endless variety of treatment in the corsage. Sleeves or shoulder interest are much smarter than low décolletages with shoulder straps, even on full dress models. These may, however, be entirely strapless.

Helpful Hints

TO renovate linoleum, first scrub with soap and water, and, when dry, rub in a little linseed oil. This will not only feed the linoleum but also produce quite a good shine. Polish afterwards in the ordinary way.

Old rubber hot-water bottles can be made into useful kneeling mats by cutting off the necks and rims before covering the flat pieces with black salicin.

Instead of throwing away old lampshades, remove the parchment or silk, cover the frames with butter mullin, and an excellent meat cover will be ready for use.

Save any odd scraps of soap and put them into a loofah glove. When nearly full add a handful of fine oatmeal, sew up, and a splendid refreshing loofah will be produced when the glove is used in the bath. Saucepan lids which become very hot should have corks wedged

beneath the handles, for they can then be lifted without the fingers being burnt.

To stiffen the bristles of a hairbrush after washing it thoroughly, mix one ounce of alum in a quart of boiling water, stir well, and pour into a flat dish. Stand only the bristles in this for forty minutes, then shake well and dry with the bristles downwards.

When arranging flowers in a shallow bowl first fill it with sand to within an inch of the top before adding the water when they will not only stand erect, but last much longer.

Should a tumbler become wedged inside another, fill it with cold water and stand the outer one in water that is not too hot, when they will soon become separated.

If a pair of shoes is constantly chafing your heels and making holes in your stockings, try rubbing the inside of the shoes with a piece of soap.

G. G. T.

CLEANSING YOUR CARPETS

CARPETS with spots and dirty make your washing solution useless. places can be cleaned at home before its time. quite cheaply if you follow these hints.

Choose a bright sunny day and in some cases soap flakes may be used. Shred about ½ lb. of soap carpet can dry outside and get a good airing. Remove the loose dirt by giving the carpet a good brush. Unbrushed carpets have too much surface dirt which would

Allow the soap to dissolve and then add one ounce of dry potassium carbonate, a chemist will sell you this for a penny or two, it is also known as "salts of tartar." Be sure to stir the liquor well until a level solution is obtained, but do not apply the solution until it cools. A safe guide is to have it as warm as your hand can stand comfortably, or to make sure you can take the temperature with the bath thermometer.

Have a second bucket ready with warm rinsing water in. If the water is very hard put some borax in. Apply the soapy solution to the carpet by a small stiff brush. A stiff bristled nail brush is just the right article for the purpose.

Wash a small bit of the carpet at one time. It is best to work in squares about the size of a large blotting tin. Rub vigorously with the soapy lather for about half a minute. As soon as the lather turns black and looks very dirty wipe it away with a flannel rinsing cloth. Rinse with warm water as quickly as possible. Do not use too much water or the carpet will be ruined if the back gets wet, and a dry linen cloth should be in readiness to rub the cleansed square quite dry before you start to tackle the next. Smooth down the pile in the right way during rinsing and drying. Careless handling at this stage will make your carpet look rough and shabby.

When the carpet is clean put it out on the lawn to dry in the sun and air. Never put a wet carpet over a line or the foundation threads will be damaged.

John R. Hind

Keeping Tarnish At Bay

ENLIST the aid of a few dusters and metal polishes, then, setting out with a definite routine in hand, give all your brasses and coppers a brilliant and long-lasting shine.

To brighten-up those bronze statuettes, wipe them with a soft cloth which has been dipped in linseed oil, then warm them and polish vigorously with a dry leather, the brilliant lustre obtained will defy discoloration. Smear a little olive oil over to lengthen the "life" of the sparkle.

When you have just polished your brass surfaces to glowing perfection, rub them over with a raw potato, then you'll find you need not polish them again for a week or two.

Sometimes you will discover kitchen utensils, and even house-fittings and ornaments have acquired a rusty surface. A paste which is invaluable for cleaning off this ominous sign is made by mixing a drop of paraffin with some powdered chalk. The golden rule to observe in these cases is never to use a harsh scouring pad on those smooth surfaces.

A very simple way to deal with dulled stainless steel knives is to polish them with a damp cloth which has been dipped in fine ash.

Jane White

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A surprise plea of guilty to nine counts out of the 15 in the indictment against him led to the case of Stanley Grove Spiro, 45, being dealt with at the Old Bailey recently, sentence of eight years penal servitude being passed.

A long and costly hearing had been expected. Spiro, who showed no emotion on hearing his sentence, was told by the Recorder, Mr. Gerald Dodson:

"You were the head of a society of men who were nothing else than a band of commercial brigands, and in that capacity you were preying on the community."

"Well, this is the end, and, as you know, it had to come." Spiro returned from abroad early this year and was arrested at Barnes on a warrant issued in February, 1937.

The charge against him was that between October, 1934, and February, 1937, he conspired to defraud such persons as might be induced to part with shares or money to Maclean A. D. Henderson, stockbroker, of New Broad-street, E.C.

"HEAD OF THIS SWINDLE" Mr. G. B. McClure, who with Mr. Gerald Howard prosecuted, said this was a case which might have been before the court in June, 1937, when certain of Spiro's associates were tried at the Old Bailey.

So far as the prosecution's inquiries had gone Spiro stood in a very different position from those who were charged in 1937.

"I put him forward," said Mr. McClure, "as the head of the whole of this sharepushing swindle which went on for practically the whole of 1935 and 1936."

Spiro while so acting kept his name in the background. The method adopted was that he got hold of a well-established old business in Scotland, which had carried on a perfectly reputable business of outside stockbrokers.

The fraud began when that concern was taken over. It was obtained by purchase, and the well-known Scottish name of Elphinstone was used, a man named Elphinstone purchased the firm in that name. The real purchaser, however, was Spiro.

HOW FRAUDS WERE ENGINEERED

Many Addresses

The purchase was followed up by taking an office in London at New

Broad-street, E.C. They thus had the old clients to whom they would write.

In addition, said Mr. McClure, they started the publication of a thing called *The Weekly Financial Review*, or some such paper, circularising the people who had no former connections. In that way they enlarged their clientele.

It took a very long time to discover that this fraud that appeared to be carried on in the City alone was really carried on at a number of addresses.

In almost every case the first transaction was a good one in good stock. Then once the person had sent his money and bought some good industrial security, he was advised to sell and change to something else.

SPIRO'S OWN OFFICE That was the method. The organisation was considerable. It was ultimately discovered that the real fraud was not being carried on at the New Broad-street office. It was at an address just off the Haymarket.

Here there were two bronze plates, one stating "Anglo-African Corporation Ltd." and the other "Scottish Gas Utilities Ltd." That had been Spiro's office since 1931.

Letters which needed handling were always taken there and nearly always were dealt with by Spiro himself.

In February, 1936, a concern called Bunt and Co. was started, and it was run by Spiro's lieutenants. That concern might have been started to operate the same worthless securities when the name of Maclean and Henderson got into bad odour.

Employees, said Mr. McClure, were sent from one place to another, and the whole thing was one gigantic swindle.

"SPIRO GOT HIM FOR £17,000"

Man Who "Talked A Lot"

Mr. McClure then dealt with a charge relating to the purchase of shares by a man in East Anglia whose name he asked should not be made public.

This man, he said, was visited by Spiro in the name of Royston. So persuasive was he that, within an hour the man had promised to forward to Spiro securities to the value of over £17,000.

A document was afterwards found in the offices relating to this man. It read:

"Wealthy man. Nice to speak to. Puts whisky bottle on table. Likes to talk a lot. Been in India. Been a rubber planter. Feel sure you will get him."

"And get him Spiro did, to the tune of £17,000," said Mr. McClure. The only letter Spiro ever put his hand to in the hundreds of exhibits was one of this man.

Mr. McClure said that the Scottish Gas Utilities Corporation was a concern bought somewhere about 1932 from a rather obscure syndicate in Guernsey for £20,000.

A DEVONSHIRE VICTIM

In 1936, Spiro, giving the name of Maclean, called on a man in Devonshire, who was alleged to be a victim. The man died and his relatives never received a penny. Spiro had pleaded not guilty to this count.

Another alleged victim, living in the neighbourhood of Liverpool, was an old client of Maclean and Henderson and was approached in that way. In his case he hardly ever had communications except by telephone, and he parted with about £1,000.

Early in 1937, police inquiries reached a head. On Feb. 6, 1937, warrants were issued. On that day Spiro left this country.

Within the previous week or 10 days he had got in cash £12,000. He must have known the stage which the inquiries had reached.

£600,000 TURNOVER

"I cannot give any real idea of the magnitude of this fraud," added Mr. McClure. "Banking accounts show a turnover of just under £600,000."

"I am not suggesting anything like that sum was the proceeds of fraud, but I do suggest that a very large proportion of the proceeds of cheques and securities handed to Maclean and Henderson went into Spiro's own pocket."

Mr. McClure said the amount involved in the indictment was about £85,000. The whole of the account to which there had been pleas of not guilty altered that amount by certainly not more than £10,000.

During their inquiries the police found a slip of paper on which was written:

"Small house about six miles from Birmingham. Retired constable. Very cautious. Has check-

ed up on the firm. Prefers industrial to gold. Says 'Yes' to everything, but the switches."

Mr. McClure suggested that this showed the concern was only there to push shares which were quite worthless.

A PRISONER OF WAR Service With R.F.C.

Det.-Insp. Thomas Gankerseer said that Spiro was 45 and a widower with one son. He had no previous convictions against him in this country.

He had stated that he attended school in South Africa, where he was born, until he was 18. He then took up farming for about two years.

On June 15, 1917, after serving as a cadet, he was appointed a second lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps. In November of that year he went to France, and in December was taken prisoner, being repatriated in 1918.

Spiro had also stated that after demobilisation he returned to South Africa, carried on as a cattle rancher until 1923, worked for his father in Johannesburg until 1928, and then came to this country and started on his own account as a general broker. For several years Spiro had been associated with sharepushers.

FINANCED PLAYS

Det.-Insp. Gankerseer added that Spiro, in addition to sharepushing, had financed the production of plays. With regard to the activities of Maclean and Henderson and Bunt and Company, 31 people had complained to the police, supplying particulars showing their losses approximating £103,000.

A number of other complaints had been received, but the people concerned declined to furnish particulars. Spiro had given information to the police to help investigations into certain matters.

Mr. E. G. Hemmerde, K.C., who, with Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K.C., Mr. Derek Curtis Bennett and Mr. Bernard Cillis, defended, asked if Spiro had not done a considerable amount of legitimate business before coming to this country before he got in touch with sharepushers.

"Spiro refused to divulge anything about that," replied Det. Insp. Gankerseer.

DEVOTION FOR HIS SON OF 10

Anxiety To Make Good

Mr. Hemmerde said that Spiro returned to this country knowing perfectly well what he had to face.

"When he left the country at the beginning of 1937, he instructs me, he was practically without any means at all. Having been abroad the best part of the year, he returned in the same condition."

"To make him out as the one person who received money is not fair. There were other persons with American accents who were concerned."

Spiro had himself lost quite heavily in some of the concerns.

He not only served in the war, volunteering at the beginning of it, but in the South African Mounted Rifles, and did active service during the South African rebellion.

Spiro did not deny that he was the leading actor in "these deplorable

Ghost Train, 1888 Flier, Does 60 m.p.h.

A little ghost stole into King's Cross station recently—the little green ghost of an engine that pulled the Flying Scotsman in the days of foot warmers and oil well lamps, 60 years ago.

With its large single driving wheel, it was so small as to be hardly noticeable beside the streamlined locomotives and mighty Pacifics that towered above it.

For a while platform eight went back to 1888, when the East and West coast routes were viewing with each other to make the best time from London to Scotland. In that year this valiant little engine, like a Lilliputian among the giants, raced away to Edinburgh in 7 hours and 32 minutes.

She had behind her a train composed of the carriages in use 50 years ago, the L.N.E.R. having arranged an excursion trip to Cambridge on the ghost train.

BUSTLES AND BONNETS

On the platform were Mamma, Papa, Brother (in a Norfolk suit and deerstalker's cap), two Sisters (dear fluffy little things in bustles and bonnets and carrying a monstrous tennis racket borrowed from a museum) and a Young Man Affiliated to S.S. (So, one understood.) He wore a blazer and bonnet and all the family waved very prettily as the little green ghost train steamed out.

(The family, of course, were really film folk who had come to lend colour to the haunting of Platform 8.)

The little green engine—a permanent exhibit in the York Railway Museum—reached 60 m.p.h. and arrived at Cambridge three minutes ahead of schedule.

transactions," but he did deny that he was the sole person responsible.

MRS. SPIRO'S DEATH

Mr. Hemmerde added that he would not be frank if he were to suggest that Spiro had no idea that a warrant was being issued, but at that time his wife was "terribly ill abroad, and died soon afterwards."

Subsequently he was strongly advised to return and he did. He then found that his small son of 10 was totally unprovided for.

He was interested in a very successful play, "Balalaika," in which he hoped to make about £50,000, but found that during his absence all his rights and those of his wife had somehow disappeared.

Spiro was most anxious to make good and to retrieve the position in which he found himself. He was a man of strong personality and considerable ability.

He was anxious to do something so that his son, to whom he was devoted, should not be ashamed of his father.

RECORDER AND "COURAGE"

The Recorder, passing sentence, said he took into consideration that the plea of guilty had saved a costly trial.

"One thing, at all events, can be said about you," the Recorder continued. "You are not wanting in courage, and that may enable you to achieve what it is said it is hoped you may achieve when you have expiated the crimes to which you have pleaded guilty."

The sentence on him would be one of five years' penal servitude on the counts of false pretences, and three years on the three counts of fraudulent conversion, making eight years all. On the count of conspiracy there would be a further sentence of one year's imprisonment, but this would run concurrently.



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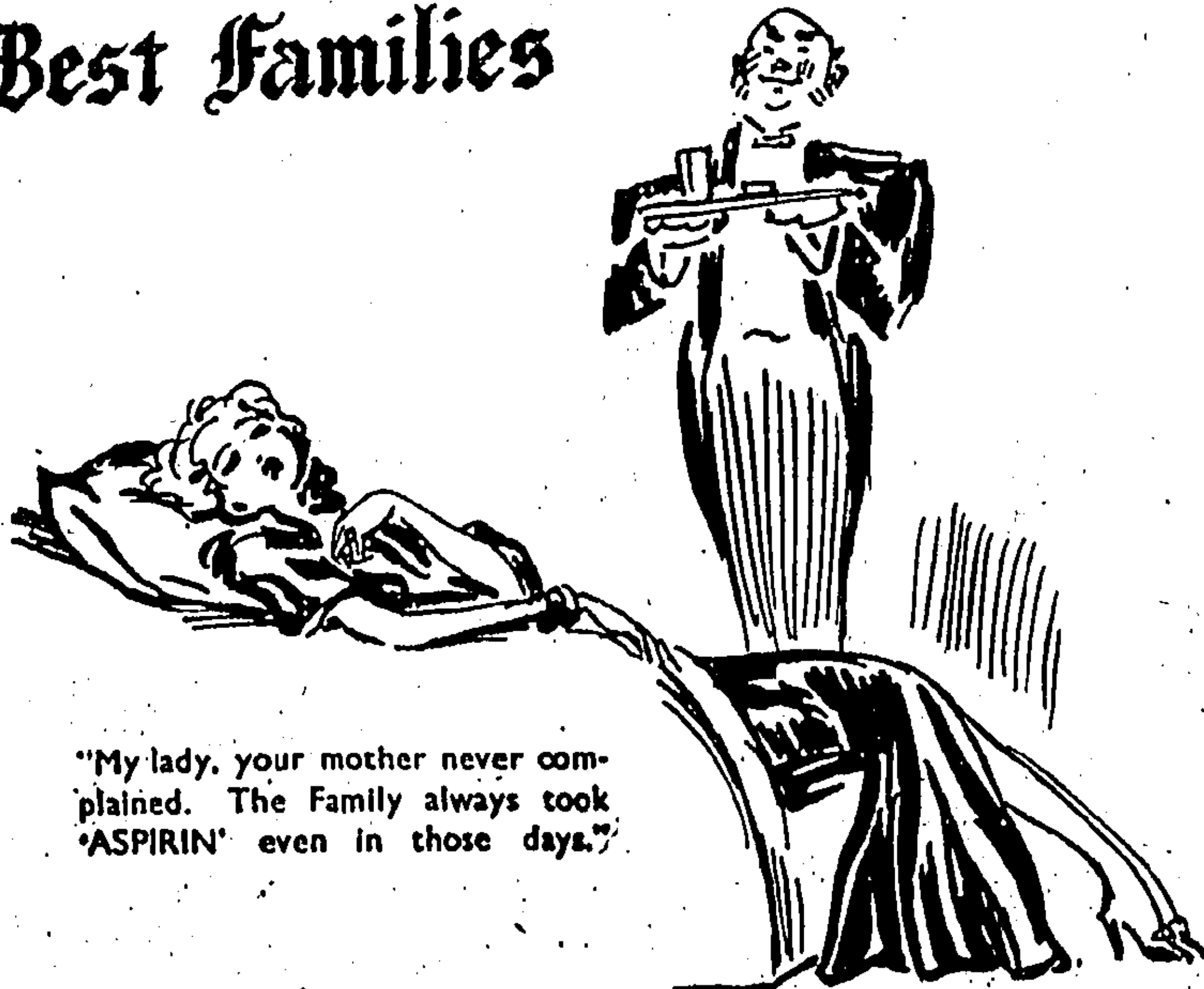
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association

To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—Our attention has been drawn to a report appearing in the press concerning the resignations of certain members of this Association. We regret that this matter has reached the English press and had the effect of causing misunderstanding. Actually, however, a small number of members of the Association, including certain members of the advisory board, tendered their resignations owing to a minor misunderstanding.

While we are naturally desirous of securing the further co-operation of these ladies in order that we may pursue the work which we have undertaken, we regret that they have taken this step and hope that they may see their way clear to offering further their services to their country.

In the meantime, the activities of this Association will go on as usual. We should be grateful if you will kindly give prominence to this letter in any form you may wish.

Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association,
Y. Yung,
English Secretary.

The New Commonwealth

Sir,—The grave deterioration in the international situation which has taken place within the last few years has undoubtedly been the cause of profound anxiety among millions of men and women throughout the British Empire. These feelings of anxiety are probably most acutely felt by those whose understanding of the position compels them to reject as impracticable such policies as isolation and ultra-pacifism. It is probably true to say that the vast majority of our compatriots, no matter in what quarter of the Empire they may reside, recognise in the development of the collective system the only practical method of safeguarding world peace and thus of ensuring the welfare and security of the British Commonwealth. They realise that only by the inauguration of the reign of law and order in the international sphere can inter-State relations be satisfactorily regulated. They remain loyal to the fundamental principles enshrined in the League of Nations Covenant. Unfortunately, however, they are compelled to admit that so far the League has completely failed to fulfil the major functions which it was hoped it would be able to carry out, and this failure has given rise to a natural tendency to discount the prospects of establishing an effective collective system.

In the belief that this brief statement correctly interprets the feelings of the preponderant majority of British men and women, we venture to direct attention to the activities of an organisation which, we submit, approaches the problem of world peace from a practical and constructive angle. The purpose of the New Commonwealth Society can be simply stated. The Society advocates the development of the League of Nations from a mere debating society into an effective international authority. Its programme is confined to two concrete proposals:—(1) the submission of all disputes between nations, which cannot be settled by the processes of negotiation and conciliation, to the adjudication of an impartial Tribunal charged with the duty of pronouncing a decision in accordance with the principles of justice and equity; (2) the creation of an International Police Force to restrain aggression and, if need be, to enforce the decisions of the Tribunal. Thus the New Commonwealth programme contains provision for both peaceful change and collective security. More than fifty different nationalities are represented in its membership, and sections of the Society have been brought into existence in no less than sixteen countries. Considerable numbers of men and women, prominent in their respective spheres, are engaged in its educational and re-

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NOEL BRAGA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th July, 1938.

JAPANESE USE GAS IN NORTH

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rating at Shanghaihsia and Yangyao-kung.

At both places the Japanese are alleged to have used poison gas in an attempt to reduce the strong Chinese resistance.

The Chinese are employing flanking attacks and have succeeded in breaking into the Japanese lines several times. Each time, however, they were forced back by Japanese poison gas.—Central News.

Ammunition Depots Fired

Nanchang, Sept. 28. A Chinese guerrilla raiding party stormed the Japanese garrison at Kuokung and Chentsun, on the west shore of Poyang Lake, and set fire to their ammunition and provision depots on Monday.

The Japanese, numbering 200 men, were taken aback by the sudden assault. Between 60 and 70 were killed whilst the rest were dispersed. Two thousand piculs of rice and other food stuffs and a large quantity of ammunition were destroyed. The fire burned for the whole day.

To avoid a Japanese counter-attack the guerrillas voluntarily withdrew from Kuokung and Chentsun yesterday morning, bringing with them 20 piculs of provisions, 70 army blankets and a quantity of other military supplies which they had saved.—Central News.

Warships Damaged

Kinshwa, Sept. 28. Japanese warships off Ningpo and Chienai on the east Chekiang coast have all been withdrawn, according to reports.

The reports add that one of them was disabled and two others damaged when they were heavily shelled by Chinese shore batteries upon their departure.—Central News.

Ohio Map On Live Calfskin

Ravenna, O. A Jersey cow born near here had on its forehead a white patch closely resembling a map of the state of Ohio. Valentine Uhrig, on whose farm the animal was born, has named it the "Ohio calf."

Ranch Has Electric Fence

Aracadio, Fla. J. T. Smith, retired railroad man who is developing a 2,700-acre cattle ranch, does not worry about his cattle straying. The fence around his pasture is electrically charged to give cattle a mild shock.

search activities, and its programme has been endorsed by many important organisations. Preparations are now being made to form groups of the Society in the British Dominions and Colonies. We would, therefore, urge those of your readers who recognise in the programme of the New Commonwealth the only constructive means of establishing the peace of the world on a sound and enduring basis, to communicate with The General Secretary, The New Commonwealth, Thorney House, Smith Square, London, S.W.1.

To those who may feel that the proposals which we have so briefly outlined are Utopian and idealistic, we would point out that they represent nothing more than the application in the realm of inter-State relations of those principles upon which the peaceful development of every civilised national community has been based. We submit that the future of every unit of the British Commonwealth depends upon the inauguration of a new era of law and order in international affairs. For this reason alone, we are confident that the programme of the Movement which it is our privilege to represent will call forth overwhelming support from among our compatriots overseas.

WINSTON CRUNCHILL,
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HOSPITAL BAZAAR

The bazaar of the French Convent Hospital will take place at the French Convent Hall on October 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Prizes and souvenir gifts are features of this year's bazaar.

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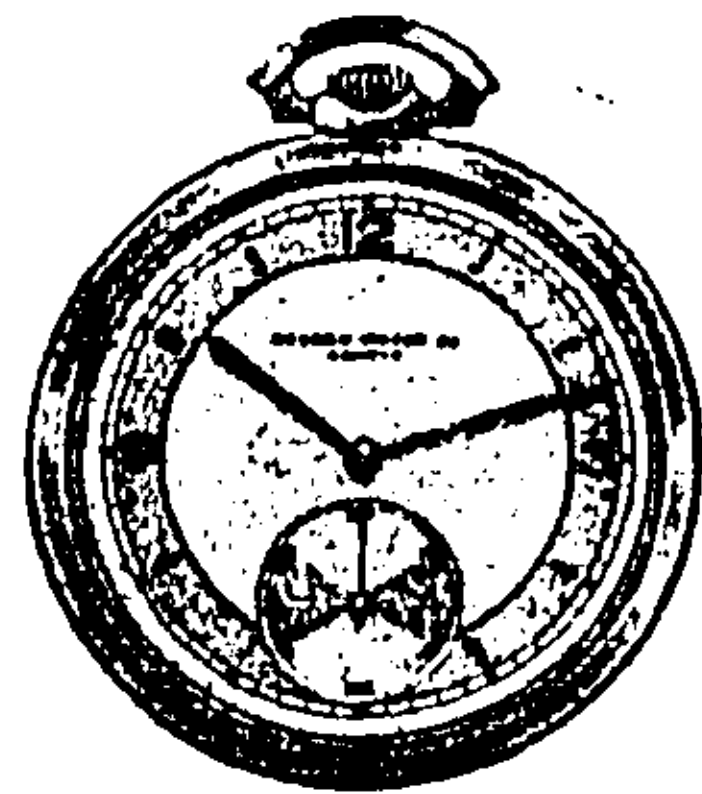
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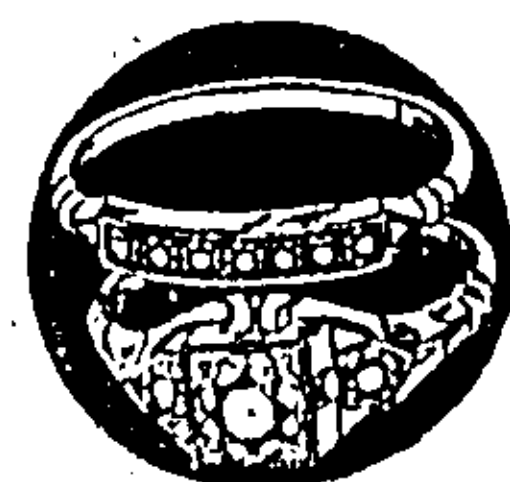
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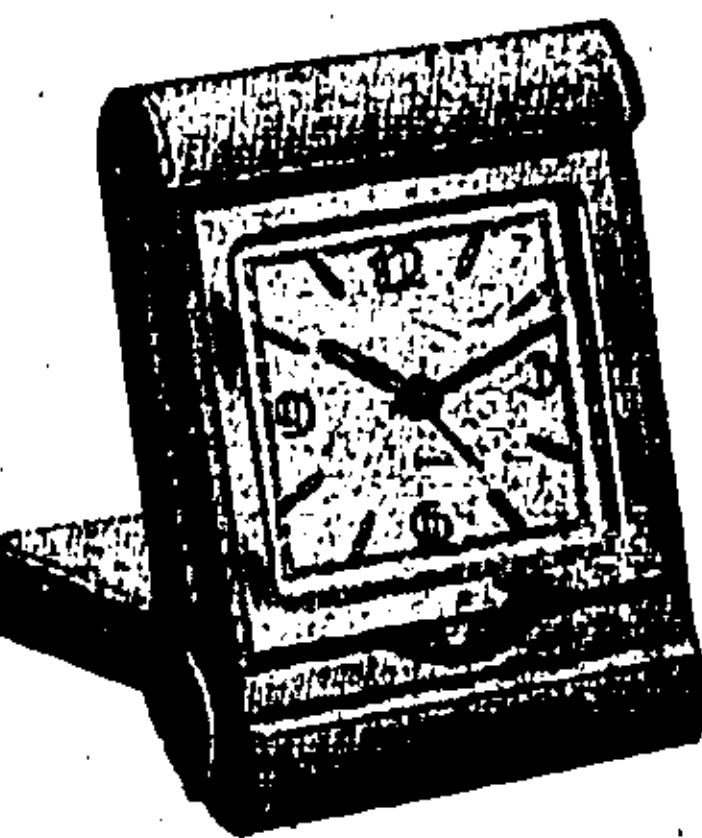
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Quarter Million Under Arms

Budapest, Sept. 28. While no official details are given, it is generally understood that Hungary has between 200,000 and 300,000 men under arms, including those who received calling up notices under the latest precautionary measures.

It is admitted here that war would inevitably bring about an exhausting strain on Hungary's resources. Supplies of wheat, vegetables, wine and other foods are excellent, but it is added that in war these are no substitute for arms.

The question in the minds of many observers is whether Germany would irresistibly demand Hungary to march against Prague. Some declare that Germany would prefer Hungary to remain neutral as a useful German trading base. Others point to Hungary as the strategic manoeuvring ground for German forces.—Reuter Special.

Men And Women Rush To Join Colours

London, Sept. 28. Young men in London are rushing to join the Territorial Army Unit, which is now full, according to Colonel Morgan, Secretary of the London Territorial Army Association. The task of attesting and examining recruits is proceeding rapidly, and doctors are working all day and late into the night to keep pace with the flow of applicants.

London women made an immediate and magnificent response to the Government appeal for volunteers for service in the newly formed Women's Auxiliary Corps.

Territorial drill halls and headquarters were besieged to-day by women anxious to register themselves on the roll for service training. Hundreds of both young and middle-aged called at the County of London Territorial Army Headquarters at Chelsea before 10 a.m., and drill halls in various parts of London were kept busy with a steady stream of volunteers.—Reuter Special.

Further Mobilisation

Paris, Sept. 28. Another mobilisation order has been posted in Paris this evening calling up another category of reservists immediately.—Reuter.

Precautions Continue

London, Sept. 28. The announcement of the Munich conference has not halted the development of precautionary measures. The Board of Trade has ordered the suspension until after October 16 of the validity of all outstanding export licences for war materials for foreign countries.

The Board has also issued a statement deprecating private persons laying in stocks of food in anticipation of a possible crisis, declaring that supplies of essential foodstuffs in Great Britain are adequate for some time to come and that should war break out the supply and redistribution of food would be controlled to ensure that there would be no undue rise in prices and that all consumers would receive a fair share.—Reuter.

Armed Merchantmen?

Vancouver, Sept. 28. It is believed here, though the report is not confirmed, that the Canadian Pacific Steamship Line is cancelling Saturday's departure of the Empress of Russia. Officials of the Line declined to comment on the report that the ship would be commandeered by Britain in the event of war.—United Press.

Japan To Plead For Peace?

Tokyo, Sept. 28. A Foreign Office spokesman announced to-day that Mr. Joseph Grew had requested Mr. Ugaki, the Japanese Foreign Minister, to make similar proposals to Germany and Czechoslovakia as had the United States.

The Japanese reply was that Japan was desirous of a peaceful settlement and therefore "has given the proposal serious consideration from Japan's own standpoint and will take appropriate measures in this connection."—United Press.

Germany Cancels Ships' Sailings

Berlin, Sept. 28. German Steamship companies are recalling ships from the High Seas and have cancelled sailings from German ports.

Among the ships recalled, it is understood, is the giant liner Europa, which sailed from New York on Tuesday from Bremerhaven.

The Hamburg-Amerika Line has announced that it is holding the liner Hamburg in port "for the time being," and has advised passengers to remain ashore.

The German authorities at Vienna announced that all passenger and freight traffic on the Danube is "interrupted for the time being."—United Press.

Royal Proclamations

London, Sept. 28. Just before Parliament assembled His Majesty the King signed four Royal Proclamations summoning naval reservists.—United Press.

Summon Parliament Demand in Paris

Paris, Sept. 28. M. Flaudin, one-time Premier of France, published in Le Journal to-day an article demanding the



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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 24th September.	Imperial Airways Plane	
Saigon	Jean Laborde	September 30.
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Shanghai	Yangtze	September 30.
Haiphong, Pukhol and Hoihow	Conte Verde	October 1.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco, date 21st September.	Pan-American Airways Plane	
Straits	Philoctetes	October 1.
Java	Tjibadak	October 1.
Shanghai	Kingyuan	October 2.
Amoy	Tjinegara	October 2.
Japan	Hawani Maru	October 3.
Bangkok	Kayang	October 3.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Swatow and Foochow	Saigon	Thurs., Sept. 29, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Central and South America (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)	Soowchow	Thurs., Sept. 29, 4.30 p.m.
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Air Mail for Siam, Lanchow, Chang-shu and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
Manila (Parcels and Papers only for Madang, Salamun and Tulagi)	Parcels, ...	Sept. 29, 3.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 6th October.	Reg., ...	Sept. 29, 4.15 p.m.
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Air Mail for Malaya and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 8th October.	Imperial Airways Plane	
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WORLD REACTIONS TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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descended at No. 10 Downing Street with his wife.

The Premier was smiling and confident and in response to the cheers of the crowds he cried, "It's all right this time."

Then he seized his wife's arm and shook it warmly.

German View Unchanged

Berlin, Sept. 28.

"This conference will not change the German view of the question of immediate summoning of the French Parliament."

"M. Daladier's refusal to convolve Parliament is incomprehensible and it might well be asked if France still has a democratic regime," declared M. Flaudin.

"Signor Mussolini, Herr Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain have all spoken to their peoples, but the French Government persists in its silence," says the article.

For some weeks, points out M. Flaudin, while momentous events have been taking place in Europe the French public has been the victim of false reports and the man in the street has been at a loss to know where the truth lies.

The totalitarian states have formerly been reproached for employing such methods, and now the French nation could be led into war without the opportunity of a Parliamentary debate or a vote," claims M. Flaudin.—Trans-Ocean.

the Sudetens, but if the four persons talk matters over they should certainly become clearer," declared an official of the Propaganda Ministry with regard to the Munich conference.—Reuter.

Stock Markets Bound

London, Sept. 28.

"It's alright this time." This spontaneous remark by Mr. Chamberlain to the cheering crowds who gathered round his home on his return from the House of Parliament epitomised the all-pervading feeling of relief.

The scenes in the City were reminiscent of the boom times. Share prices soared in all sections in street markets.

Kaffirs were most prominent, while on the Rubber Exchange, the Committee of which quickly decided to extend trading until 5.30 p.m., values jumped in very heavy trading.

The immediate jump in this market was up to a penny above the fixed minimum at which they have been ruling since noon.

At the same time sugar slumped up to three pence below the high levels attained when the crisis was at its peak.

In the Liverpool grain market prices nose-dived on a burst of selling, closely followed by wheat futures quotation in London.

Appreciation of sterling developed equally suddenly and dollars fell on New York selling, followed by London offering from 4.62 to 4.71 before the Exchange Control Fund arrested the plunge by supporting dollars at 4.70.

The change for the better occurred somewhat late and the bullion market was little affected, but contrary to the experience of the last few days some buyers put in an appearance with prices ranging between 140 shillings and 147 shillings.—Reuter.



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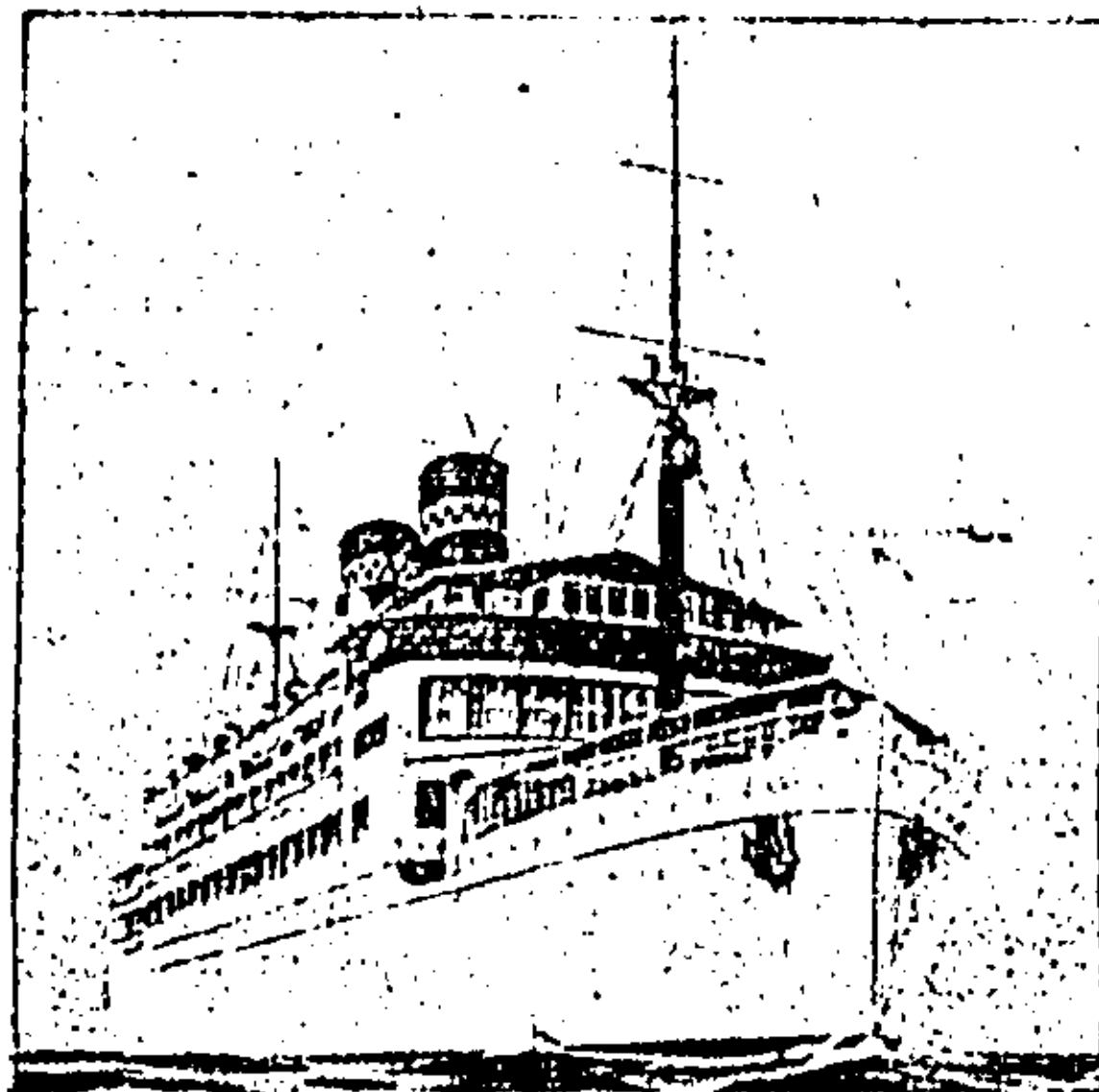
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London, Sept. 14.
The following is an extract from an article in Great Britain and the East, dated September 13 entitled "Commerce and Finance, Notes and News":

Hongkong is enjoying a land boom, and never have land values been so high. The trouble in Hongkong is that the rugged little island and the scarcely less rugged strip of mainland offer practically no natural building sites. It is necessary to level sites out of rocky hillsides and to make reclamations out into the sea. This process has been going on during the ninety-four years since Britain annexed the island, and at the moment a number of big reclamation schemes are in hand. The chief need is for factory sites, but applications for such land are having to be refused. A Shanghai rubber shoe manufacturing firm was prepared to take over what was still a swamp, reclaim it and put up a million dollar (£60,000) factory, but the offer had to be refused because the place was earmarked for refugees.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Chinese Women to Hold Charity Ball

Members of the Hongkong branch of the National Women's Relief Association will hold a charity ball at the Hongkong Hotel at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 7, to raise funds for relief work during the coming winter and for the purchase of warm clothing and blankets for the refugees.

Patrons at the function are promised an elaborate programme of entertainment, which will include a beautiful pageant showing the attire worn by Chinese women from previous dynasties to the present. Other items on the programme will be singing and violin solo by Miss Nee-sa Long and tap-dancing by Miss Betty Lee. —Central News.

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JUNK PIRATED

Fruit and Wheat Cargo Stolen by Gang

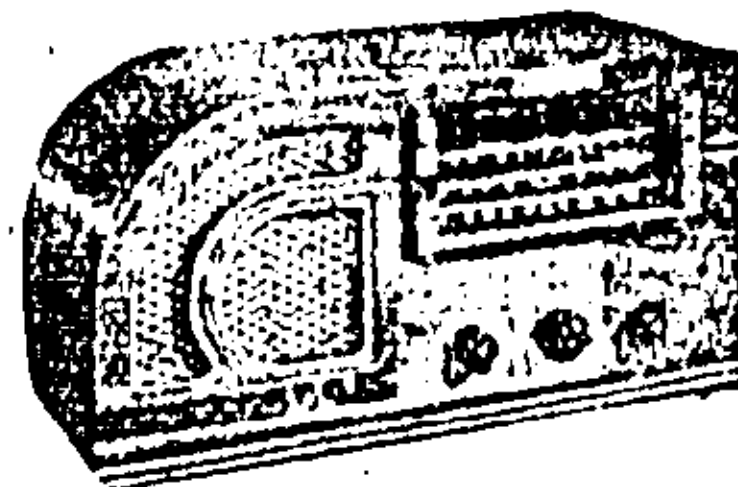
A cargo junk was pirated at Black Point on Tuesday morning by three men who boarded the junk, and after binding up the crew, made away with 50 piculs of bananas and 30 sacks of wheat.

Tung Chan, 37, master of the junk, reported to the police that he set sail from Mam King Sha, Chinese territory, on Sunday, and when near Black Point a small sampans came alongside the junk and fired three shots at its bow. The men boarded the junk and after ransacking it left for an unknown destination by their sampans.

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REGISTRY WEDDINGS

Two weddings took place yesterday afternoon before Mr. W. A. Jones, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, at the Registry, Supreme Court.

Joseph Henry Plitham, army warrant officer, of the Garrison Sergeants' Mess, Hongkong, married Amy Gentry (nee Bosworthick), of 2 Kennedy Road, A Block, Hongkong. The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. C. Watson.

Mr. So Wai-kong, editor of The Age Pictorial of Hongkong, married Ma Man-ying, nurse at the Kwong Wah Hospital, Yumail. The witnesses were Messrs. So Wai-chung and Albert Lai.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday says:

In view of the European situation the prices of all purely local stocks have been left at nominal quotations.

Antamoks	20 1/2
Atoko	22
Baguio Gold	22
Banquet Consol.	11.00
Coco Grove	30
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The Hongkong Telegraph

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1938.

BRITONS ARE READY

Writing on the eve of a momentous meeting of the House of Commons, we would like to refer our readers to extracts from a speech made in that same Chamber twenty-four years ago, on August 3, 1914—36 hours before Britain was plunged into the most disastrous war civilisation has known. The speaker on that occasion was Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Minister who fought, as Mr. Neville Chamberlain is fighting to-day, to avert catastrophic war and its attendant horrors.

This is what Sir Edward Grey said:

"The most awful responsibility is resting upon the Government in deciding what to advise the House of Commons to do. We have disclosed our mind to the House of Commons. We have disclosed the issue, the information which we have, and made clear to the House, I trust, that we are prepared to face that situation, and that should it develop, as probably it will develop, we will face it. We worked for peace up to the last moment, and beyond the last moment. How hard, how persistently, and how earnestly we strove for peace last week the House will see from the papers that will be before it.

"But that is over, as far as the peace of Europe is concerned. We are now face to face with a situation and all the consequences which it may yet have to unfold. We believe that we shall have the support of the House at large in proceeding to whatever the consequences may be and whatever measures may be forced upon us by the development of facts or action taken by others.

"I have put the vital facts before the House and if, as seems not improbable, we are forced, and rapidly forced, to take our stand upon these issues, then I believe, when the country realises what is at stake, what the real issues are, the magnitude of the impending dangers in the West of Europe, we shall be supported throughout, not only by the House of Commons, but by

Personalities of Old Hongkong

CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR JAMES RUSSELL

By T. Paul Gregory

Successful Career

A well-known name in the Colony during the latter part of the last century was that of Chief Justice, Sir James Russell, Kt., C.M.G. His career of more than twenty-five years in the service of the Hongkong Government was a most meritorious one, and earned for him the esteem of the entire community; for he was happily one of those personalities who combined in addition to great ability and a remarkable capacity for conscientious endeavour, a kind and generous disposition.

Sir James Russell was born in Ireland about the year 1840. He was the scion of a well-to-do family, who provided him with an excellent education, and he graduated at Queen's University in 1863 with a B.A. Degree. The subsequent three or four years were spent in private study and in acting as tutor and companion to the sons of other wealthy families. The apparently futureless vocation of a teacher at length began to pall on the young man, and he decided to enter the foreign service. In 1867 he was appointed to a cadetship in Hongkong. Upon his arrival in the Colony, he occupied himself with his habitual ardour to the studies of the Government cadet, but so rapid was his progress that he came to the attention of the then Governor, Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell, who, the very next year, nominated him as his Private Secretary.

His next post—that of Police Magistrate—instilled in him an interest in the law, so that upon his leave of absence at Home in 1872, he determined to utilise the opportunity for further study. The law now became his forte, and he took his LL.B. at the University of Dublin. So conspicuous was his scholastic standard, that he won a gold medal, and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in the Easter Term of 1874, the authorities allowing him a concession of three terms, as ordinarily he would not have been admitted to practice until later in the year.

the determination, the resolution, the courage, and the endurance of the whole country."

The determination, resolution, courage and endurance for which Sir Edward Grey appealed just over twenty-four years ago persisted until, four years later, the forces of Might criminally unleashed upon the world were crushed.

British people to-day are not concerned with the merits of the dispute between Czechoslovakia and Germany. In 1914, they were not concerned with the merits of the dispute between Austria and Serbia, which culminated in the Great War. But they are vitally concerned when the peace of the world is threatened by brute force. And, as in 1914-1918, British people can be relied upon to support their King and Country to the last man and the last penny. News of the last minute proposals for a Four Power Conference at Munich is wonderful news. We all pray that Mr. Chamberlain's last minute efforts for peace will not go unrewarded.

Upon his return to the Colony in June 1874, he was gazetted Coroner, an office which he filled with entire satisfaction. From this position it was inevitable that further promotion should be his lot, and he served during the next nine years in various capacities, ranging from Acting Puisne Judge to Colonial Treasurer and Registrar General.

The death of Mr. Francis Snowden, the Puisne Judge on April 1, 1883, provided him with an unexpected opportunity; for he was immediately appointed by the Governor, Sir George Ferguson Bowen to fill the vacancy. So conspicuously did he discharge the duties of the Bench that he won wide acclaim, and it was not to be wondered at that his ability soon came to the attention of the Home Government. He was accordingly the recipient of a Companionage in the Order of St. Michael and St. George on June 18, 1887. The bestowal of this honour seemed to be a signal for further promotion; for on November 10, 1888, owing to the retirement of the Chief Justice, Sir George Philipps, he was accordingly gazetted as his successor.

As one of the Colony's leading legal minds, Chief Justice Russell was noted for the fairness of his decisions. If he erred, it was perhaps on the side of leniency. Like others of his time, he was not adverse to entering the great controversy which raged in Hongkong during the 'eighties as to whether the public whipping post should be abolished. His recorded opinion was apparently a non-committal one; for while he was too kind an individual at heart to openly endorse the weekly quota of floggings in full view of the thrill-seeking public, he was honest enough to state that "he did not know how local crime was to be curbed if the cat and the birch were to be abolished." In this respect, he echoed the convictions of the majority of the community, who, while they were perhaps as humanitarian as any other, did not feel too sure of the wisdom of Governor Pope Hennessy's "advanced" liberalism.

The Chief Justiceship of Hongkong was really his last official appointment, and although he was honoured with a knighthood while on furlough in 1890, he began to feel that health considerations would eventually compel his retirement. The arduous duties of his office began to tell on his constitution, and in 1893, he determined to resign and return Home in an effort to recuperate his failing strength. While it was hoped that Sir James would recover sufficiently to permit his return to the Colony, the majority of the community felt that his departure would be permanent. Their fears were fulfilled: for on September 3, 1893, came the tidings that he had passed away at Strathpeffer, Scotland, where he had gone but a few days previously in a vain effort to profit by a change of scenery. The residents of the Colony were profoundly shocked at the news of his death, and hastened to pay tributes to his memory. The most eulogistic of them all came in a telegram

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Darling! Glorious news! The War Department just accepted my new bomb!"

Women Don't UNDERSTAND Science

Says

HELEN SIMPSON

A MAN has just observed to me that at the recent meeting of the British Association, where the scientific work and achievements of the year were discussed, women had little to contribute.

There may be more of them than usual with a lot to talk about, but it will just be a paper here and there checking somebody else's facts; some records of patient observation. Of original stuff, very little.

It was odd, he thought. I disagreed with him. I thought it perfectly normal. Women's brains have one blind spot, and that blind spot is science.

A single answer leaps to everybody's mouth, a name: Mme. Curie. Well, Mme. Curie was a prodigy. Hers was the life of the scientist born.

The quiet Polish woman calculating at her chemist husband's side, obscure and content, having her children—and going back to work. Stricken with illness, loss—and going back to work.

High Honours

INTERRUPTED by war, but working always. In her black dress, turned and re-turned a dozen times, receiving high honours; glory, denied entrance to the French Institute on the grounds that she was a foreigner; frantically praised, savagely assailed, caring nothing for any of it—and going back to work.

Yes, Mme. Curie is out of the top drawer. Harriet Chick's work on rickets is world-famous. Recently a Welsh girl solved a mathematical problem which had baffled aircraft designers for years. Then, of course, there's Mrs. Maxine Miles, who very successfully designs aeroplanes.

But you cannot make out a case for women being scientifically minded on the strength of these exceptions, as you cannot, on the strength of Boardman and Joan of Arc, describe them as notable strategists in war.

We lack, and always will lack, the qualities which go to make an Einstein, a Pasteur, or a Stephenson.

And a woman chess champion gave it as her opinion that we could never—"well, hardly ever"—be expected to beat the chess masters of the world.

"What Is Algebra?"

MATHEMATICS we cannot see the sense of. The ladies in Sir James Barrie's "Quality Street" put this female viewpoint quite clearly.

from Lord Ripon to the Governor, Sir William Robinson on September 8:

It stated in part: "In my opinion, Sir James Russell's service to the Government was of a very high order, and in him successive Governors and Secretaries of State found a wise, just, and single-minded adviser, who, not on the judicial bench only, but in other ways, did good and lasting work for the Colony in which his public life was spent."

Says Miss Susan: "What is algebra, exactly? Is it those three-cornered things?"

And Miss Phoebe answers sadly: "It is X minus Y equals Z plus Y. And all the time you are saying they are equal, you feel in your heart. Why should they be?"

Mathematics is a specialist's game, anyhow. What about the other aspects of science?

How about the aeroplane and the car, both of which women have learned to drive?

How about the Air Raid Precautions, with the lectures on chemical warfare and the power of explosives?

What is the reaction of women to these?

I have a friend who is a remarkably good air pilot. She casually flies about Europe and Africa, feels at home, and is perfectly happy in the air. I asked her how on earth she dealt with the engine when it went wrong.

She said she never looked at it if she could help it. "I hate to think I'm at the mercy of all those odds and ends jiggling about."

The man who taught her to fly told me she was fine in the air, because she was an excellent rider, and had good hands with a horse; but she knew no more than Adam what made the propellers go round.

There are plenty of women flyers like this: plucky, sensitive to the feel of the plane, able to endure. But we women are not employed as test pilots, nor do we invent new aerobatic stunts. We have the heart, but not the imagination.

It takes a special sort of imagination to get the best out of a machine, and this is labelled Men Only.

Consider the woman who is afraid of anything remotely mechanical.

I have watched a woman turn on a gas fire, retreat a yard or two, and throw lighted matches at it like darts. "I hate being near the pop" was her explanation.

Will Never Learn

A DOCTOR lamented to me: "Those people the Bible speaks of who knew not their right hand from their left must have been women. Ninety-nine per cent. of all screws, from the key of the oxygen cylinder to the cap of a bottle, turn clockwise to tighten and anti-clockwise to loosen. But can I get any nurse to grasp that? They still proceed, each time, by trial and error."

Finally, take the authentic story of an Air Raid Precautions lecture in a village hall. Gas was the theme: how to minimise the effects of gas; how to render first aid to the gassed; how to know when gas was about.

At the end of half an hour a woman rose and said, childlike: "All very well, but this won't come our way; we cook with oil round here."

No, we women haven't got the mechanical or scientific mind. We don't understand machinery, or chemistry. And it seems to be no use pretending we do.



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THE STORIES OF TWO BLIND MEN

No. 1

Hundreds of normal golfers, whose only handicap is bogey, watched two players beating Bogey and Blindness on the Duluth, Minnesota, U.S.A., course recently.

They were W. H. J. Oxenham, a London osteopath who lives at New Church-road, Hove, and Mr. Clinton Russell, of Duluth.

Both are totally blind. The match for the world blind golfers' championship was won by Russell by 5 and 6.

PERFECT SWING

A member of the West Hove Golf Club, where Mr. Oxenham plays, said to the Sunday Dispatch:

"Taking into consideration their enormous handicap they must be the world's finest golfers. To hit a ball without seeing it and drive it 200 yards as Mr. Oxenham does, must mean the perfect golfer's swing."

"Mr. Oxenham plays like any other golfer except that his chauffeur, who acts as his caddy, places the head of his club against the ball, points his shoulder in the correct direction, and tells him the distance."

"He has a handicap around 20, but consistently goes round the course with a score of about 55."

Mr. Oxenham is 43. He is a doctor of osteopathy, and was blinded by a bullet in the war.

HOLE IN ONE

He began to play golf five years ago. He was going round the course with a friend when he had a sudden impulse to play a shot. He had never handled a golf club before.

When he did his first hole in one he decided to take up golf seriously.

A member of his household said: "Mr. Oxenham practises his shots for hours in his back garden. He has a captive ball. I have never seen him completely miss."

"He also plays the guitar very well, is a keen card player, but uses special cards."

DIRECTION FINDER

Mr. Oxenham usually plays twice a week with friends. The only concessions made are in difficult lies when Mr. Oxenham has the option of picking his ball up for the loss of a stroke.

Sometimes his opponents rattle the hole "in" to give him a better idea of the direction of the hole.



Frequent blindness has resulted in many deaths and many more injured. Here is a Jewish workman being assisted to a hospital in Tel-Aviv, after he had been stabbed in one of the sporadic clashes. Younger Palestine Jews known as Revisionists, are for retaliation against Arab terrorism. Older Jews are passive.

Police S.O.S. In Riddle Of Gipsy Boy

The B.B.C. recently broadcast a police appeal for information about Caleb Chapman, 13-year-old gipsy, who was reported missing on June 25, and whose body was found on Sept. 2 close to his caravan home in a wood near Westerham Hill, Kent.

Whether an inquest will be held depends on any developments which may come to light as a result of the broadcast. A report has still to be received from experts who are examining the body.

No. 2

A blocky 35-years-old man walked into Westminster Labour Exchange and put his name down for a job—his first for 15 years.

The man is John E. Holmes, once of Southampton, now of the Salvation Army Hostel, Great Peter-street, Westminster. Blind for nearly 15 years, he has now miraculously recovered his sight.

He told the Sunday Dispatch that he lost his sight at 20 "cooling around" with acid.

He lost his job as an electrical engineer and had to live on grants from charities, picking up a few shillings by making mugs and baskets, and by going to eye hospitals to be examined by students at 2s. 6d. a time.

Last January his sight began to return. For the past five weeks he has had perfect sight.

He used to have a dog which guided him when he was about. That dog seemed to sense that his owner was regaining his sight.

One day it ran into the road near Victoria Station and was killed. It had never tried to run away before, and John Holmes trusted his life to it implicitly.

SENTENCED

"It is marvellous to see trees and flowers again," he told me. "Blindness is like a prison sentence. A life sentence from which you think you can never escape."

"Even now I cannot altogether grasp that my sight has returned. I find myself unconsciously feeling my way along walls."

"The thing that strikes me most now is the great advancement made in the past 15 years in films. When I went to the cinema the other day I could hardly believe that the pictures I saw were films at all. They certainly were not the films I knew years ago."

"I learned to read Braille, but now I need it no more. All I want is a job."

45,000 TON COAL ORDER

Continuity of employment was assured hundreds of British miners recently when the Norwegian State Railways ordered 35,000 tons of steam coal from the Newcastle Coal Exchange for delivery between October and December. The company have also placed contracts for 10,000 tons of Northumberland steam coal for delivery in the same period.

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7.12 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Empty Saddles (from 'Rhythm on the Range'); I'm An Old Cowhand (from 'Rhythm on the Range')... Ambrose and His Orchestra with vocal chorus; Waltz—Alice Blue Gown; Rumba—El Copulito De Aileli... Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; Fox-Trots—'So A-Muggin'; Wah-Hoo... Roy Fox and His Orchestra with vocal chorus; Waltz—Music In May (from 'Careless Rapture'); Novelty Fox-Trot—Peter's Pop Keeps a Lollipop Shop... Ambrose and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down; Paso-Doble—Le Touquet... The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall with vocal chorus; Novelty Fox-Trot—Knock, Knock, Who's There?; Fox-Trot—Wood and Ivory... Ambrose and His Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—Me And The Moon; Comedy Waltz—Dandelion, Daisy and Daffodil... Billy Cotton and His Band with vocal chorus; Fox-Trots—Ebony Shadows; Big Boy Blue... Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing with vocal refrain by Betty Kent.

8 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 London Relay—"World Affairs." A talk by J. L. Briery, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law in the University of Oxford.

8.15 Vladimir Horowitz at the Piano.

Presto-Passionate (Appendix to Op. 22—Schumann); Trauermusik, Op. 12, No. 7 (Schumann); Mazurka in E Minor, Op. 41, No. 2 (Chopin); Forgotten Waltz (Liszt).

8.30 Studio—Albert Barton (Baritone) with the Z.B.W. Orchestra.

1. Arlequinade (Gazette); (a) March, (b) Gavotte, (c) Segredillo, (d) Serenade Orientale, (e) Scherzo, (f) Carillon... Z.B.W. Orchestra; 2. I Travel the Road (Pat Thayer); There is a Lady (Wilfred Bury); 3. Albert Barton (Baritone); 4. Caravan by Night (Bangato)... Z.B.W. Orchestra; 5. Fairings (Easthope Martin); Cloze-Props (Walsley Charles)... Albert Barton (Baritone); 6. Spanish Dances (Moszkowski)... Z.B.W. Orchestra.

9.30 London Relay—The News.
9.55 B.B.C. Recording—The Air-do-Wells.

A Radio Concert Party with Claude Gardner, Edith Atherton, Brian Lawrence, Jean Colin, Ronald Hill, Marlon Dawson, Wilfred Thomas, Margaret Stedford and The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra under the direction of S. Kneale Kelley.

11 Close Down.

AUSTRALIAN AID

All Classes Sympathise With China in War

The Federal Government of the Commonwealth of Australia has made a gift of half-a-million doses of anti-cholera vaccine to assist China in the campaign against epidemic cholera, caused by the war.

Last May, the Chinese Government appealed to the League of Nations for international assistance in the fight against the epidemic cholera which had broken out in the devastated areas. The first response came from Yugo-Slavia, where the famous Zagreb Laboratories immediately supplied free of charge, 500,000 doses of anti-cholera vaccine. With commendable promptitude, the Australian Government, on August 3, despatched to China half a million doses of anti-cholera vaccine, which was carried, freight free, on the Eastern and Australian Line's Tandra. The Consul-General of China in Australia, Dr. C. J. Pao, in expressing his gratitude, said the gift a practical evidence of Australian friendship for China's Government and people. This sympathy for China was creating in the country many movements to assist Chinese relief measures by raising funds for the care of China's war victims and orphans and in supporting proposals to send medical aid in various forms, ranging from ambulance units to this latest and most generous contribution of precious anti-cholera vaccine by the Federal Government itself.

WAR GAS TREATMENT

The Hon. Dr. Li Shu-lan, St. John Ambulance Brigade Surgeon, gave a lecture on "The Treatment of War Gases" at the St. John Ambulance Headquarters yesterday. This was the fifth lecture of the series of the Voluntary Aid Courses.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY: THERAPION No. 1 THERAPION No. 2 THERAPION No. 3

Wife Sent Man To Sail Workless Round The World

82 DAYS WITH A SICK MATE

Brighton.

Mrs. Jacob Kujit, of Zandijk, Holland, tired of seeing her husband hanging about the house without a job, bought a boat for him, told him to sail round the world "for something to do."

Jacob Kujit, fifty-nine-year-old ex-clerk, ex-engineer, ex-planter, told me all about it at Southwick, near Shoreham, as we sat under the swinging oil lamp of his forty-year-old ex-Norwegian pilot boat Holland, in which he had just crossed direct from New York in thirty-three days, says a Correspondent.

14,000 MILES SINCE AUGUST

When he arrives back in Holland Jacob will have sailed his little vessel, 39ft. in length, 14,000 miles since he left home on August 22 last year.

He has not been round the world, but he has certainly found "something to do." With a companion, Dirk Hofman, he made for Dakar, on the French West African coast, then set sail for Rio de Janeiro.

"But we never got there," said Kujit. "Young Dirk became sick and grew rapidly worse. He had three fevers, and a terrible swelling in the leg."

"Tropical storms struck us, destroyed our ropes and sails. Between storms we were becalmed under a blinding sun."

"I tended Dirk as best I could, and patched the sails. I made a flag with a red cross on it, to warn any passing vessels, we needed a doctor's aid, but for eighty-two days I had to sail the Holland single-handed. No vessel came in sight."

"HE LOOKED LIKE A SKELETON"

"At last I struggled into Cayenne, in French Guiana, then on to Paramaribo, in Dutch Guiana, where Dirk looked like a skeleton except for his swollen legs, went into hospital. We stayed there three months, and he was cured."

On to Curacao sailed the little Holland, then, with new stores and sails and a new companion, twenty-three-year-old Eugene Helms, in case Dirk should fall ill again, to Porto Rico and New York.

"I guessed my way to New York," said Jacob. "I had no charts."

And so across the Atlantic again came the little pilot boat. In a few days Jacob Kujit will see his wife again.



Sir Edward Leonard Ellington, air marshal of the British Empire, as he arrived in Los Angeles from Australia. He planned to look over American airplane factories with a view to placing British orders in America and Canada. He is one of a commission of three making the survey.

Restaurant Ban On Japanese

Japanese merchants and City men have lost their favourite eating place in London—the Chinese restaurant in Piccadilly-circus.

"No Japanese will be served at this restaurant," says a printed notice affixed to the entrance door.

"Far from losing business," a reporter was told at the restaurant, "we have been doing more business than formerly."

"It may be that feeling in this country is, generally, not very sympathetic with the Japanese and people admire the spirit which has prompted the management to bar the admission of the Japanese."

"At any rate, no self-respecting Chinese could do anything else than exclude the Japanese considering the things they have done to China and the brutality with which they have carried on the war against the Chinese people."

"No Japanese will be admitted here again for a very long time."

Sent Lover's Picture To Her Husband

Before dying with her married lover in a gas-filled room at Birmingham, Mrs. Nina Cadell Forsyth (28), of Gold Tops, Newport, Mon., wrote to her husband enclosing photographs of the man she was with.

"It seems rather curious..." commented the coroner, Mr. G. F. Lodder, at Solihull. "It is not the letter, you would think, of a bad woman."

Of William Harold Pountney (38), motor finance company inspector, who was found dead with Mrs. Forsyth—both in evening dress—in his home at Sandy Hill Road, Shirley, the coroner said:

"He was a very selfish man, who thought only of himself and not of others in any way."

"He has not even thought of the woman he had decided to go away with," added Mr. Lodder. "From her letters she does not seem to be very bad, but she, too, must have been lacking in moral stability."

The verdict on each was "felony de se."

Thelma Olive Pountney, of Church Road, South Yardley, Birmingham, the dead man's wife, said that her married life had been unhappy because of her husband's violent temper. Later she complained of his associations with women—she once

found lip-stick and cigarette ends in the house—and she left him last May.

Evidence that Pountney had been warned by his firm about his work and general behaviour, and given notice on August 6, was given by John Douglas Grover, a director.

Austin James Esslemont Forsyth, journalist, of Stow Park, Avenue, Newport, said that his wife and he separated last December. He had reasons for complaint about her associations with other people.

She had an exotic outlook on life, and was a neurotic, he said, adding that she had threatened to take her life once before.

Higher Wages Asked By 1,500,000 Engineers And Shipbuilders

I learned to-day that all the unions in the engineering and shipbuilding trades are meeting the employers in London on September 22 to ask for wage increases for their members, writes a Correspondent.

The precise amounts to be proposed have not been settled, but I was told by a delegate attending the Trades Union Congress in Blackpool who is concerned in the request, that

they will probably range from 10s. to 12s. a week.

About 1,500,000 men and women; members of between 40 and 50 unions, will be involved.

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As I See Sport

By "Abe"

BRADBURY EARNS REWARD FOR HIS GREAT KEENNESS

Worthy Holder Of Bowls Singles Championship

IF enthusiasm for the game and assiduous practice count for anything, then it would be difficult to find a more worthy bowls champion of the Colony than B. W. Bradbury, of the Craigengower C.C., who defeated J. A. du Luz, of the Club de Recreo, by 21-15 in the final on Tuesday to win the title. Long regarded as one of the keenest bowls players in the Colony, he spends several evenings a week during the summer on the bowls green at the great amount of practice he puts in every season, he had never, until this year, won the Colony title although he has won other bowls honours. The nearest he got to winning the championship was in 1935 when, after beating Dick Alves in the semi-finals, he was expected to beat Bob Duncan; but he lost after a good fight. He has been very consistent in this competition for many years; for apart from entering the final he has been in the semi-finals on several occasions. And besides having represented Hongkong on many occasions in Interport matches against Shanghai, Bradbury skipped a Hongkong rink which won at Wandsworth in 1936. He has again been chosen for the 1938 Hongkong team, and will skip the first rink at Kowloon Docks. Though he has never skipped before in an Interport contest, his record in the series is so good that it can almost be taken for granted that he will do well. His memory serves him right, for he has never played in a losing rink yet. Peculiarly enough, he has played in every Interport match in U. M. Omar's rink.

Australians Leave

NOT quite with the same pomp as they arrived in the country, the Australian cricket tourists left England last week-end for home after several months of cricket in the Old Country. The team, led by Bradman, managed to retain the "Ashes" for Australia in spite of the fact that, in the two games which reached a decision, each side claimed one. Apart from the defeat in the historic Fifth Test at the Oval, the tourists were beaten once, by Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI by ten wickets. This was the first defeat of a visiting Australian team in England in 17 years apart from Test matches. In fairness to the tourists, it should be stated that this defeat was inflicted on them towards the end of the tour when Bradman was injured and when several of their best men had been laid low by one thing or another. It was also unfortunate that the tourists, employed tactics in one of the concluding matches which provoked a great deal of criticism. Playing against an England Eleven at Folkestone at the beginning of this month, the Australians were alleged to have given an "exhibition of pottering to which spectators objected." The position, it seemed, called for speedy runs and a sporting declaration, but instead the tourists gave two hours of boring batting. Both The Times and the Daily Mail wrote strongly

about it. It was extremely unfortunate that the tour should conclude on such a note.

Visitors' Record

The following is the full record of the visitors' tour:
Australia, 541, Worcester, 268, and 106.—Won.
Australia, 697 for seven; Oxford, 117 and 75.—Won.
Australia, 590 for five; Leicester, 212 and 215.—Won.
Australia, 708 for five; Cambridge, 120 and 163.—Won.
Australia, 502; M.C.C., 214. Rain stopped play.—Drawn.
Australia, 406 for six; Northants, 194 and 135.—Won.
Australia, 523 and 232 for two; Surrey, 271 and 104 for one.—Drawn.
Australia, 320 for one declared; Hampshire, 157.—Drawn.
Australia, 188 and 21 for none.—Drawn.
Australia, 168 and 25 for none; Gloucester, 78 and 107.—Won.
Australia, 145 and 153; Essex, 114 and 87.—Won.
Australia, 397 and 335 for four; Gentlemen, 301 and 149.—Won.
Australia, 411 and 427 for 6; England, 658.—Drawn.
Australia, 303 and 284 for 4; Lancashire, 280 and 80 for three.—Drawn.
Australia, 422 and 204 for six; England, 494 and 242 for eight.—Drawn.
Australia, 222 and 132; Yorkshire, 205 and 80 for 3.—Drawn.
Australia, 441 for 4; Derbyshire, 151 and 56.—Drawn.
Australia, 300 for eight; Warwick, 179 and 118.—Won.
Australia, 243 and 453 for four; Nottingham, 147 and 137.—Won.
Australia, 404 for six; Somerset, 110 and 130.—Won.
Australia, 61 for three; Glamorgan, 140 for five.—Drawn.
Australia, 243 and 320; Scotland, 88 and 138 for eight.—Drawn.
Australia, 380 for five; Durham, 105 and 96.—Won.
Australia, 143; Scotland, 82.—Drawn.
Australia, 297; Surrey 105 for 7.—Drawn.
Australia, 479 and 7 for 0; Kent, 108 and 377.—Won by 10 wickets.
Australia, 299; Army 113 and 110.—Won by innings and 67 runs.
Australia, 201 and 123; England, 903 for 7 decd.—Lost by innings and 570 runs.
Australia, 300; Sussex 453 and 53 for 2.—Drawn.
Australia, 174 and 58 for 0; England, XI 132 and 99.—Won by 10 wickets.
Australia, 390 and 327; Sir Pelham Warner's XI 223 and 38 for 0.—Drawn.
Australia, 300 and 102; Mr. H. D. G. Leveson Gower's XI 393 for 6 decd, and 48 for 0.—Lost by wickets.
Australia, 145; Gentlemen of Ireland 84.—Won by 61 runs.

Scotland's Discovery

MOST sensational Scottish soccer discovery this season is Alex



PUTTING THE TAPE ON IT.—An incident on Tuesday in the Lawn Bowls singles final match between B. W. Bradbury and J. A. du Luz played at the Kowloon B.G.C. Here Bradbury is seen helping Mr. A. Hyde-Lay to measure while Luz looks on.—Staff Photographer.

Saturday's Football In England

London, Sept. 28.
The Secretary of the English Football League states that Saturday's soccer will be played as scheduled unless a state of emergency is declared in the country.—Reuter.

NOTED GOLFER PASSED THROUGH THE COLONY

Larry Montes On Way To Japan

Arriving on the Empress of Asia from Manila yesterday was Larry Montes, the Philippines' outstanding golfer, who is on his way to compete in the Japan open and Japan professional golf championships, which are scheduled to take place next month.
Montes, who will be the Philippines' representative in a competition that will include competitors from Australia, Hawaii and Japan, is being sent to the Japanese Tourment by the Athletic Supply Co. Inc., by whom he is employed.
The Japan Open will take place on October 11, 12 and 13 and the Japan pro tournament will take place two or three days thereafter. The tournament will be held at the Fujisawa Country Club, just out of Yokohama. Montes expects to return to Manila by November 8 to prepare for the Philippine Open, which is scheduled to be played at Wack Wack in January.
Competing in the Japan tournament will not be new for Montes. He was Japanese Open champion in 1933 and 1934 when he was in Japan employed as a professional at the Kasumigaseki Country Club, in Tokyo.

Rennie, the boy who almost stepped out of a juvenile team straight into the million-dollar Heart of Midlothian front rank as a centre forward, and delighted the Edinburgh crowd by scoring two goals and making a third for Tommy Walker in his first game. Scotland has found its own Bastia. Rennie was a trawler-hand at Newhaven, but his brother was drowned last year, and he sees football as a way out of a profession that means only hard work and danger. He's a cautious lad, though. Next month he is going to sit for his mate's ticket, just in case.

HOME SOCCER PROSPECTS

No. 16—New Blood For Aldershot

Great hopes are entertained by Aldershot, whose forward line will be strengthened by the introduction of new blood, and Manager Bill McCracken thinks he has just the right blend of youth and experience.

Fourteen of last season's players have been retained, and there are 13 newcomers. They are: A. F. Grant, goalkeeper, from Bury; J. C. Horton, back (Huddersfield); R. Eastwood, back (Aldershot); W. H. Gowdy, half-back (Aldershot); W. Wainwright, half-back (Manchester); G. Raynor, outside-right (Bury); J. Ruffell, outside-left (West Ham); D. Turner, outside-left (Sheffield United); L. Williams, outside-right (Charlton); W. Chalmers, inside-right (Notts County); G. D. Egan, inside-right (Notts County); and J. Gray, inside forward (Jarrow).

Much is expected of Chalmers, Raynor and Ruffell, who are almost certain to get places in the first team.
Aldershot's defence, of which Sheppard and Williams were the mainstay, did remarkably well last season, only 14 goals being conceded in home games.

There has been a record demand for season tickets, and there is every prospect of increased support.

PLAYERS AVAILABLE

Goalkeepers			
	Height	Weight	
	ft. in.	st. lb.	
G. Greaves	5 6	11 4	
A. F. Grant	5 6	11 4	
Full-Backs			
H. H. Sheppard	5 10	11 6	
D. Williams	5 9	12 0	
J. C. Kelly	5 8	12 0	
J. C. Horton	5 8	11 2	
R. Eastwood	5 9	11 0	
Half-Backs			
G. C. Summerbee	5 6	12 0	
E. Robson	5 6	12 4	
W. H. Wilson	5 7	12 0	
B. Pieper	5 10	11 0	
W. H. Dyer	5 10	11 7	
W. A. Gowdy	5 7	10 7	
W. Wainwright	5 11	10 7	
Forwards			
J. Proud	5 4	10 0	
P. Simpson	5 9	10 10	
H. Egan	5 10	11 8	
W. Wilson	5 10	12 0	
R. C. Court	5 10	11 2	
G. Raynor	5 8	10 7	
D. Turner	5 10	11 4	

Cross-Harbour Race To Be Held To-day

Officials of the Victoria Recreation Club are continuing with their plans for the annual cross-harbour swimming race, it was learned this morning.
The event will be held this afternoon, commencing from Kowloon side at 5.15 p.m.

RUGBY MATCHES AT HOME

London, Sept. 28.
The Jubilee rugby match between Bristol and R. F. Oakes's and W. T. Pearce's International XV, played to-day, resulted in a win for the latter team by 16-3.
In a Rugby Union match, Bridgend defeated Cardiff by three points to nil.—Reuter.

NO. 17—WALSALL'S BIG CAPTURES

Judged by the careful team building which has proceeded in recent months, Walsall do not intend having a repeat performance of last season's sorry exhibition, which resulted in an application having to be made for retention of League status. Six new men of experience have been secured and they should go a long way towards strengthening the weak spots, particularly in attack.

Chief among the big captures is Bambrick, the Irish international centre-forward from Chelsea. Buttery, formerly of the Wolves and later of Bury and Bradford City, is likely to occupy the inside-left berth, and for the extreme right position Davies, of Chesterfield, has been secured.

The defence will undoubtedly be stronger than for some seasons. Beeson, from Villa, and Male (West Bromwich Albion) should form a powerful alliance at back. Sixteen of last season's players have been retained.

Prospects generally are considerably brighter and a much better season is anticipated. Players available:

Goalkeepers: Tewkesbury and Williams.			
Backs: Beeson (Villa), Male (West Bromwich Albion), Harper.			
Half-Backs: Godfrey (Cardiff City), Morgan, Simpson, Askew, Bradford, Smith, Payne.			
Forwards: Bambrick (Chelsea), Buttery (Bradford City), Davies (Chesterfield), Beasley, Bate, Brown, Bulger, Gandy, Redwood, Evans.			

FIFTH MATCH WAS FITTING CLIMAX TO TEST SERIES

Great Future Predicted For Leonard Hutton

By Elton Edie

London.

Hutton's memorable achievement and England's fantastic score at the Oval form a fitting climax to the Test matches which have been played between England and Australia this summer. Certain sections of the Press may prefer to sneer, but in a few years time 1938 will be regarded as *annis mirabilis*, and many of us will recall the great batting feats performed on both sides.

Hutton must come first. In addition to his record innings of 364, which robs Bradman, for the time being, of the highest score in the history of Test match cricket, he scored a century in his first Test match innings against Australia; and his average of 118.25 outshines even Bradman's. Hutton has laid the foundations of a great career well and truly; we may see him rise, if he has a head for heights, to a dizzy eminence.

Paynter, with 218 not out at Trent Bridge, and 99 a Lord's, has deserved well of his country, while Hammond can recall an innings of majestic greatness at Lord's; nor should Leyland's 187 in this last match be forgotten.

HIS LONG SUIT

On Australia's side W. A. Brown, aided and abetted by our fast bowlers, who consistently led up to his long suit, scored 206 not out, not to mention 133 at Nottingham, and 69 in the game just finished. He showed the true Australian patience and fortitude. McCabe, at Trent Bridge, slaughtered our bowlers for the most brilliant double century in the rich history of Test matches.

O'Reilly and Fleetwood-Smith spun England to the brink of destruction at Leeds, though it remained for Hassett, when the teams were grappling like Sherlock Holmes and Professor Moriarty on the edge of the abyss, to give us the final push to perdition.

But, when all is said and done, one must come back to Don Bradman. He saved his side at Nottingham and again at Lord's; his century at Leeds in an atmosphere reminiscent, as Sherlock Holmes would have said, of Gower Street Underground Station in the eighties, alone made an Australian victory a possibility; and at the Oval he covered himself with glory by his joyous keenness and his inspiring example in the field, as well as by his skillful captaincy.

I can see Bradman again at Lord's sprinting to grab a skimming off-drive of Wright's, one-handed, and as the ball wriggled out of his clutches, once, twice, thrice, as though it were endowed with fish-like propensities, laughing all over his boyish face at his own splendid failure.

Again, at the Oval, when white took the field as substitute for Fingleton, Bradman withdrew discreetly, only to fall upon him suddenly from the rear, seize him by his large neck—he had to stretch to do this—and run him towards his place in the field. That touch of good-natured horseplay put White at home immediately, and warmed our hearts to Australia's great captain no less than his spontaneous congratulations to Hutton at taking from him one proud record.

There is a verse in John Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln" which might have been written about Bradman, for it fits him like a glove:—

"When the high heart we magnify,
And the true vision celebrate,
And worship greatness passing by,

Leonard Hutton Sets Up Many Records

Hutton's great innings of 364 in the Fifth Cricket Test against the Australians at the Oval last month set up the following records:

- It is the highest innings in Test Cricket;
- It is the highest innings by a Yorkshireman;
- It is the longest innings in first-class cricket—13 hours, 20 minutes;
- For the first time an opening batsman has batted for 2½ days;
- Hutton is the only batsman who has shared partnerships of over 300 and 200 in the same innings of a Test match;
- He is the youngest English cricketer to score an innings of 300 runs;
- It is the highest innings by a professional batsman.

Ourselves are great." Little wonder that the Australians stuck to their heartbreaking task in the field at the Oval with a tenacity almost beyond praise.

Those who said, in and out of season, that England were the better side certainly have the last laugh (and the selectors have come almost unseated out of their ordeal as Aunt Sallies). If one points out that winning the toss once or twice might have made all the difference to Australia, the retort that we had Ames, Bowes, Hutton, Leyland and Goddard out of vital matches through injury cannot be countered by any comparable story of Australian misfortune. Bradman's team should have included Grimmett (for positively his last appearance) and a reserve—fast or fast-medium bowler.

ONE CRITICISM
One fair criticism of these Test matches remains—namely, that winning the toss is an advantage too great to be left to chance. If, in addition, the colossal scores made in the last ten years are recalled, it will be seen that what is needed is a fair balance between batsman and bowler from the beginning of the match. Possibly a ball could be devised which would bite and turn on the smoothest and hardest of wickets; alternatively, the compulsory use of a certain amount of sand in the top-dressing might bring about the desired result.

If the tendency towards larger and larger scores is not somehow checked the Test matches may in the end be killed by a surfeit of run-getting.

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CHARITY SOCCER

Eastern Athletic To Meet Combined Eleven To-day

A charity football match in aid of distressed children in Kwangtung has been arranged between the Eastern Athletic Association and a Combined Eleven and is to be played on the Hongkong Football Club ground to-day at 5.15 p.m.

Mrs. Yu Hon-mau, wife of General Yu Hon-mau, President of the Eastern Athletic Association, has donated the ball and will present souvenir flags to the participating players at the conclusion of the game. Admiral and Mrs. Chan Chik

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

Delphinus Arrives With Delayed Mail

The Imperial Airways plane Delphinus reached Kai Tak at 12.50 p.m. yesterday with mails from England and Australia. The plane had been forced to make an overnight stop at Hanoi on account of bad weather.

Another machine is due to leave at dawn to-morrow with the outward mail and passengers.

will also be present.

Mr. Chan Lan-fong, President of the Eastern A.A., will kick off, and the referee will be Mr. R. M. Omar.

EUROPE AND CHINA

Mr. Percy Chen will speak to the English Study Circle of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Friday at 8 p.m. His subject will be "The European crisis and its influence on China." All are invited to attend.

Lost Indian Tribe Traced

Titusville, Pa. Traces of an Indian tribe heretofore almost lost to the pages of American history have been unearthed in northwestern Pennsylvania, according to officials in charge of an archaeological survey recently completed in that section.



Love has to fight for its life in a land left prostrate by four years of a brother's war in "The Texans" which stars Randolph Scott and Joan Bennett in a panoramic drama of the Reconstruction South. The epic of the Lone Star State opens to-day simultaneously at Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

Possible Scored At Rifle Shoot

The mid-week shoot held on the Kowloon City Ranges yesterday was not marked with such a good attendance as heretofore.

In spite of the adverse weather conditions, the wind being very tricky, there was some good shooting particularly in the case of Sgt. V. W. Cooper, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment, who recorded a possible at 200 yards, and Cadet B. Morahan, of the H.K.N.V.F., who also recorded a possible at 200 yards.

It is not very often that the same member obtains a possible within two weeks, and in this case it is all the more marked by the fact that Morahan has scored two possibles in adverse conditions.

The lack of attendance can be attributed to not only bad weather conditions but also to the amount of extra work that has to be done during this week. It is again very pleasing to see members of the H.K.V.D.C., turning up in good numbers during these mid-week shoots. Although, as they must be, pressed by work they manage to find time to take part in these spoon and practice shoots.

Yesterday marked the last spoon and practice shoot until November, there being only one more shoot during October, on the 30th, when the usual monthly Sunday shoot will be held, details of which will be published in the press and issued to all Affiliated Clubs.

Yesterday's scores were:

S. R. (b)	200	500	600	Ttl.
Sgt. V. Cooper (1st)	35	31	29	95
Cadet B. Morahan (1)	35	32	27	94
S/Lt. W. Mackie (Sgt.)	31	32	27	90
S/Lt. A. Pullman (1)	31	30	28	89

Y.M.C.A. PROGRAMME

Y.M.C.A. activities are notified as follows:

Sunday, October 2: Discussion Group in West Lounge at 9 p.m.
Monday, October 3: Ladies' Book Club in West Lounge at 10.30 a.m.; and Service Men's Whist Drive in West Lounge at 9 p.m.

Monday, October 3: Annual Meeting of "Y" Ladies' Hockey Club, 5.30 p.m.

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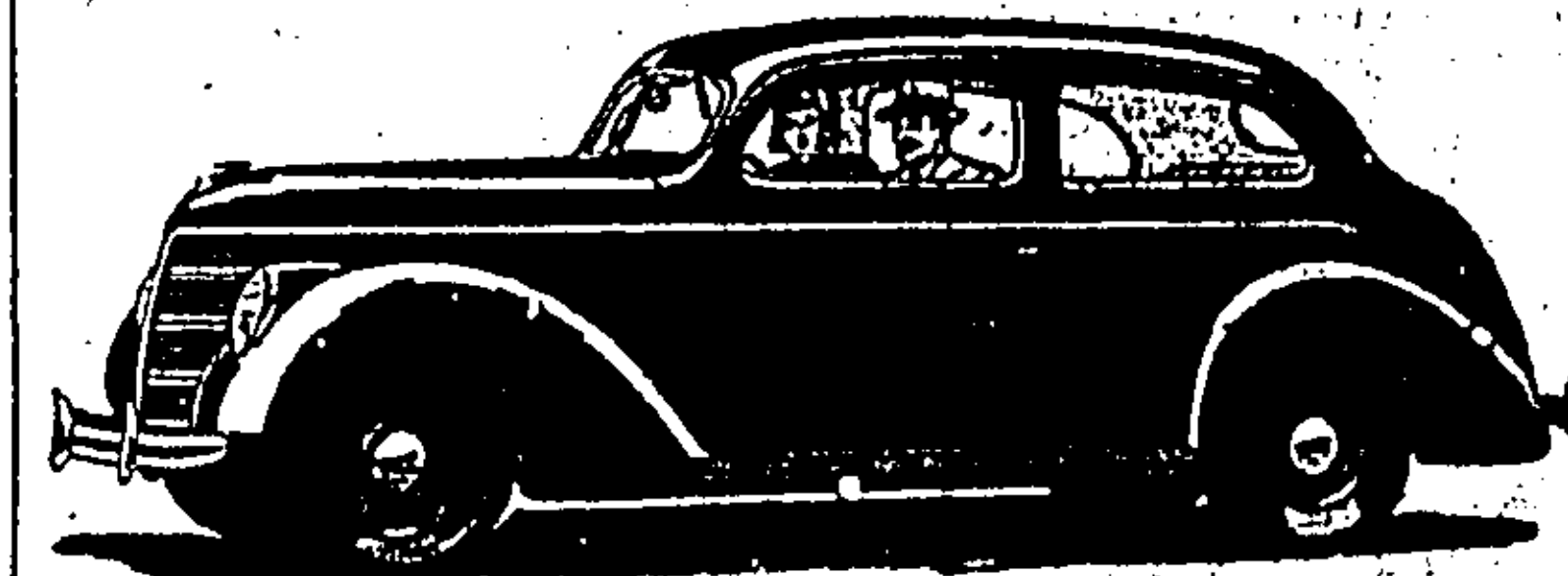
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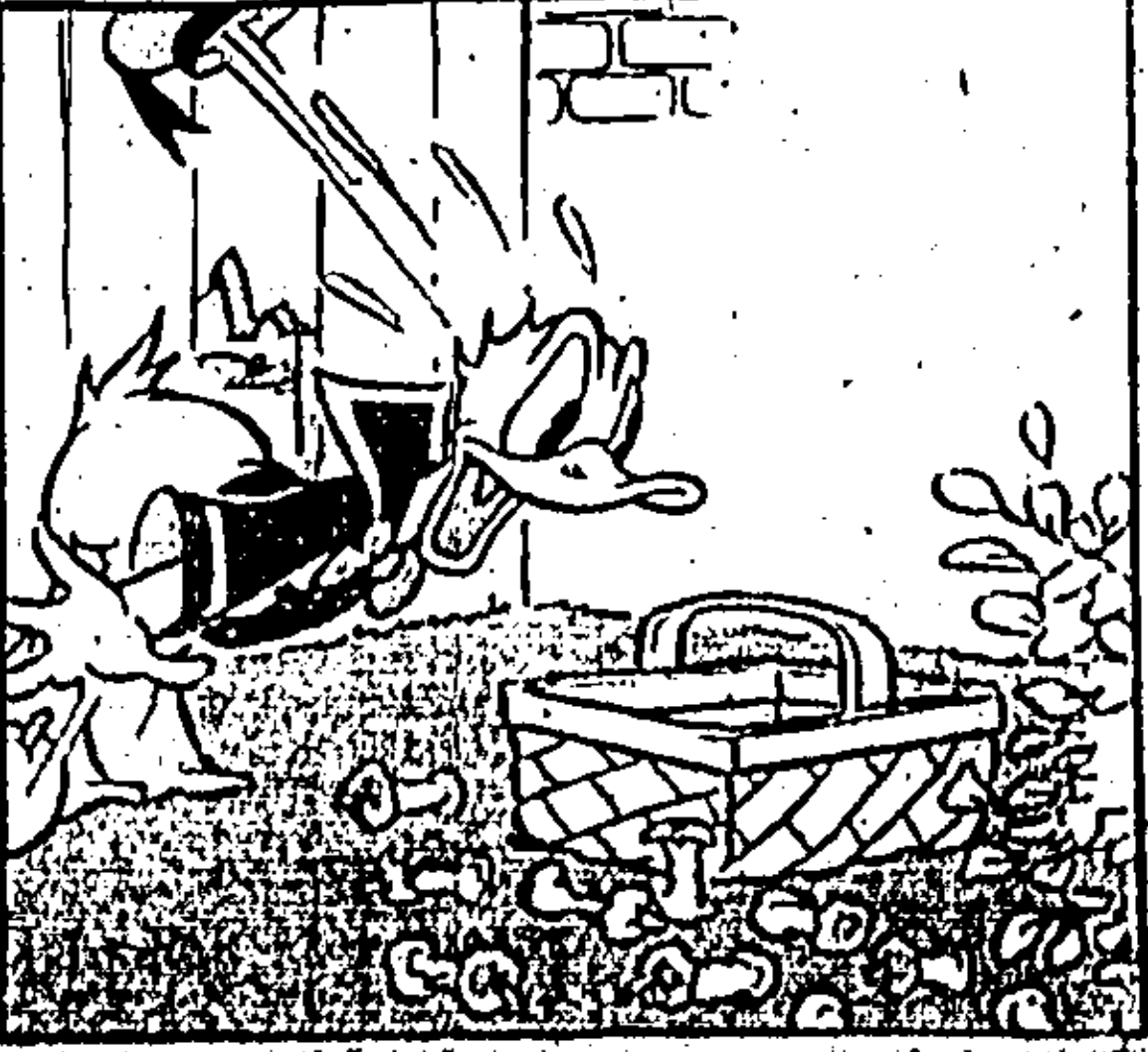
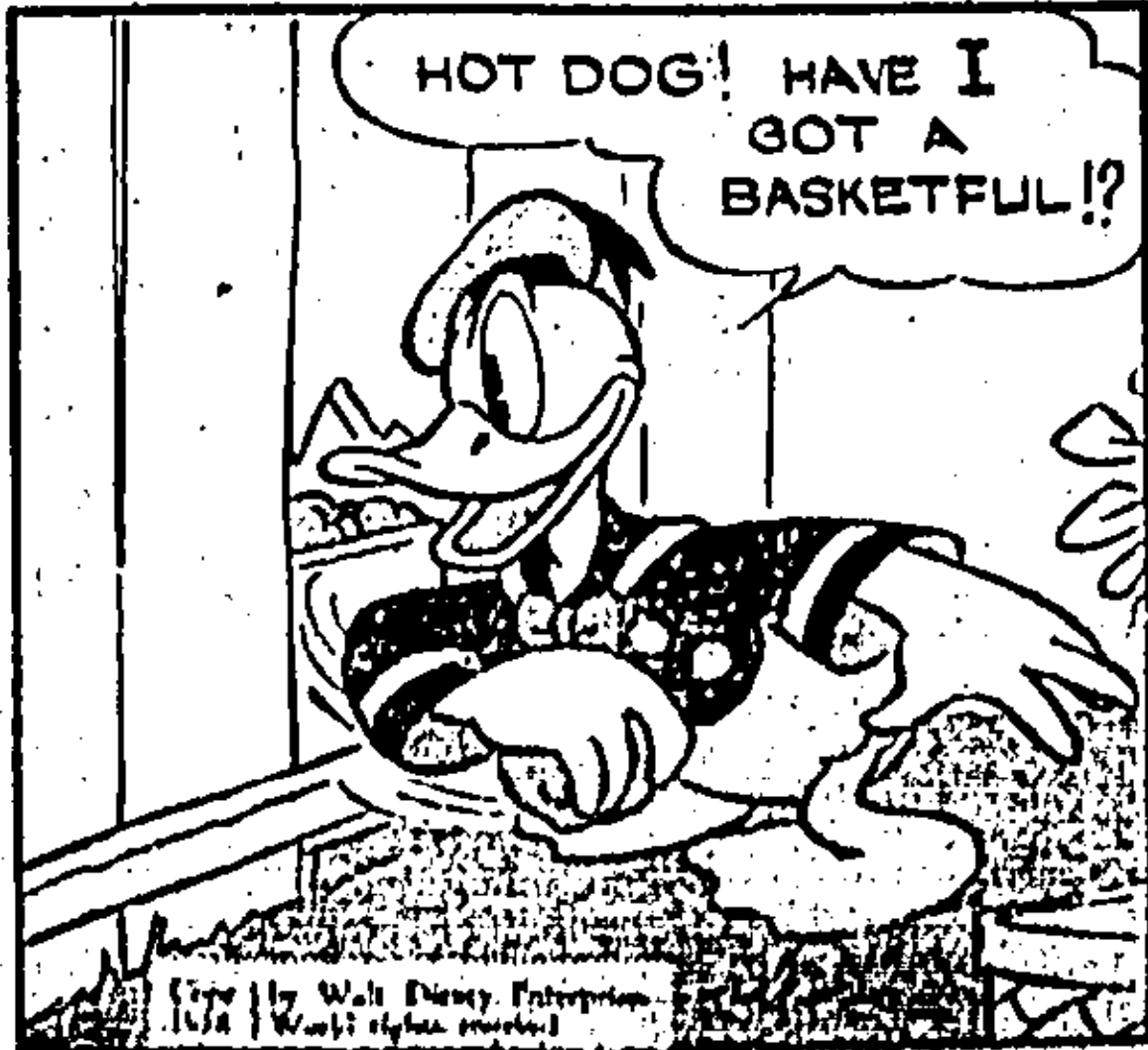
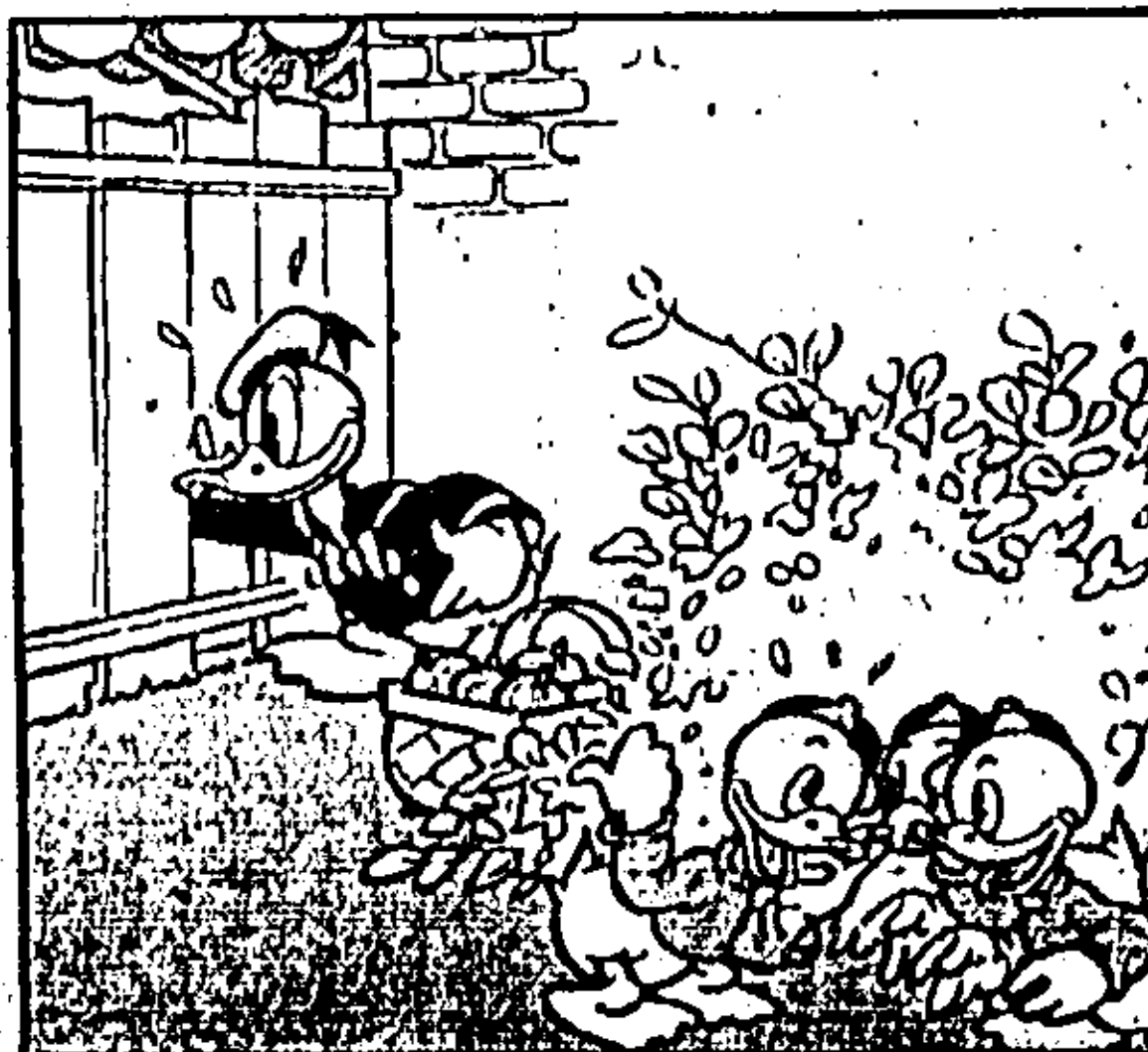
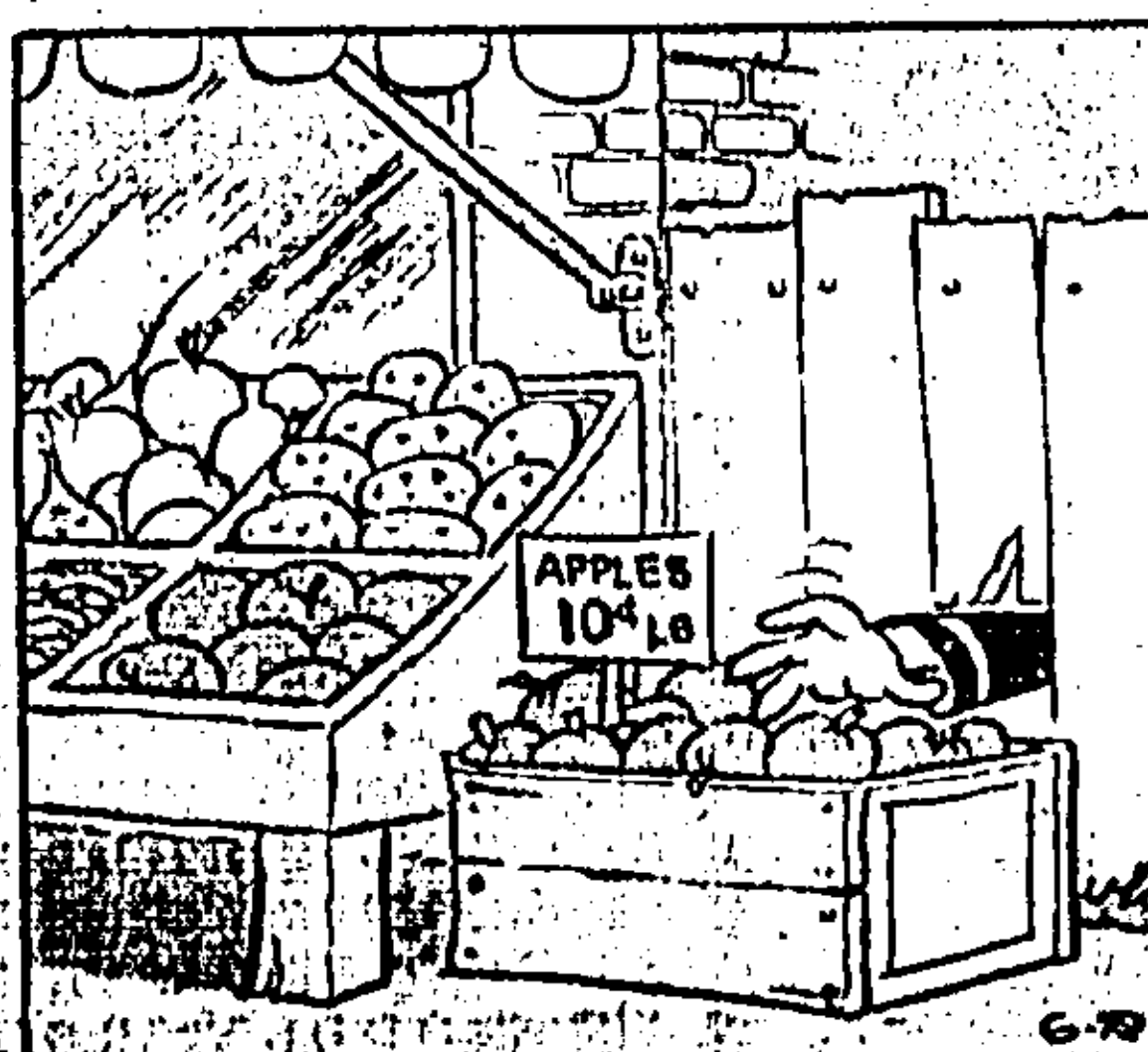
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WHEN THE NAVY HAD TO 'COAL SHIP'

Competitive Strategy of Rival Crews which Lightened a Laborious Day

By Capt. LIONEL DAWSON (R.N. Retd.)

Coal-firing in the ships of the British Navy has been generally superseded by oil-firing—a development which is regarded as unwise and unnecessary in some responsible quarters.

This article, in reminiscent vein, describes what the process of coal-firing meant in the routine of the Fleet in times past. To-day conditions have changed and with modern improvements both in coal-firing and in firing coal-burning ships the discomfort and heavy labour of the old days has been largely eliminated.

“COAL — — — EAR lower deck.

“Ha — — — ands Coal Ship.

Officers call 3 Gs.” Such was the

executive command at the Royal

Navy burning coal for fuel in its

furnaces.

This had been preceded, when the

hands turned out, by: “Hands clean

into coaling rig”—a contradiction in

terms, since coaling rig was composed

of the oldest and generally the dirtiest

clothes available. The R.N. sailor,

however, to this day “cleans into”

any rig—from the “Number Ones” of

ceremony to football kit.

SHIP'S REPUTATIONS.

MADE OR LOST

On an average these two commands

were followed by 10 to 12 hours of

thrift and drudgery in which, if it was

“clean ship, every officer and man

took a part. Even the chaplain

would be seen disguised as a coal

heaver and wielding a shovel or

pushing a barrow. Though shore

labour was provided at such places

as Gibraltar or Malta, there was yet

work for all.

I suppose that neither officer nor

man can be said actually to regret

the passing of coal. Certainly to the

stoker, whose normal occupation it

was to shovel this fuel into the

furnaces, its supersession by oil can

have brought no regrets. Nowadays

an “oil ship” day hardly causes a

break in routine, and certainly no

excitement unless, perchance, a pipe

bursts.

There was plenty of excitement,

however, with coal. Coaling ship

was regarded, in the last decade be-

fore the war, as perhaps the most

important of all competitive evolu-

tions, and ships made or lost their

reputations thereby.

In the stokeholds, on a full speed

trial, most of success or failure de-

pendent upon the feeding of the

furnaces with coal by manual labour

and the stokers were reinforced by

volunteers, both officers and men,

from the upper deck.

Oil has no such latent possibilities

for communal enthusiasm, nor does

the turning of a valve rival in im-

pressiveness of technique the efforts

of the individual stoker on the end

of a shovel.

My earliest personal experience of

coaling ship goes back to the begin-

ning of the century when I found

myself, at the age of 10, and with the

rank of sea-going naval cadet (which

no longer exists) engaged with an

Irish stoker in trimming coal in a

cross-bunker of H.M.S. *Majestic*, the

then the flagship of the Channel

Fleet.

WHEN A HORSE

MADE THE RUNNING

I fancy that I had got into the

bunker with the connivance of that

stoker, who suggested that trimming

coal was preferable to shovelling it

or pushing it in barrows. Since I

found it was necessary to lie full

length on my stomach to accomplish

that trimming job I recollect agree-

ing at last with my mentor that ser-

vice in the Royal Irish Constabulary

was to be preferred to that in which

we considered we had too rashly em-

barked.

It was a first experience of what

was always to me, as I am sure it was

to everyone else who had the honesty

to say so, a remarkably unpleasant

operation.

Not long ago, when walking in

London, I was cannoned into by a

burly coalman carrying a bag of

coal from a horse-drawn coalcart to

deposit it down the bunker of a

house—one of those domestic bunkers

whose mouths yawn perilously in the

footpath. My attention was then at-

tracted to the load still in the cart

—a load, in my opinion, too much for

one horse (as seems to be regretted

by often the case nowadays),

Memory then went back to the day

when, as a Sub-Lieut. and 1st Lieut.

of a River class destroyer, I first per-

formed the evolution of coaling ship

in her.

We were lying alongside the jetty

of the little port of Granton, near

Edinburgh, and were coaling from

railway trucks which had to be man-

handled along the jetty. It was a

slow process, until—thanks to some

intuitive sympathy with those who

dealt in horses—I managed to per-

suade a railway carter (who should

presumably have been employed on

other duty) to lend me his horse to

haul my trucks.

There was only one horse avail-

able, and with its help we were able

to “wipe the eyes” of my fellow first

Lieutenants, who laboured, horseless,

in other parts of the harbour, and to

place, and the excitement died. A

week at sea, 24 hours in harbour and

a full stowage of coal to be embarked

before any rest could be obtained,

knocked all the glamour out of the

process. Then it was that the practice

of the previous years bore fruit

in the automatic speed with which

the fuel came in. But the reward

was in the rest to be obtained by a

fast coaling rather than in the dis-

comfiture of a neighbour.

MEMORIES OF THE WAR YEARS

Queer colliers with decrepit

winches and dubious gear began to

appear as the strain upon shipping

grew. Here the pre-war experience

of divisional lieutenants and engineer

officers helped, by strict surveillance,

to take some of the strain off the

hard-worked executive officer, who

might also have forces or ammunition

to embark simultaneously.

Cooling had its casualties, as have

all major operations in a ship. Whips

would part, winches give out at

critical moments, and bad weather add

to the difficulties of war-time coal-

ing; when no delays could be ac-

cepted if they were humanely avoid-

able, and colliers surged and rolled

alongside the ships of the Grand Fleet

in all states of the sea. Oil avoids

most of this; but another inducement

to team-work and esprit de corps is

gone, ousted by modern develop-

ments.

GETTING A START

OVERNIGHT

No other Navy made such a fetish

of “coal ship” as we did, and I well

remember the scorn of the blue-

jackets at the length of time it took

a Russian squadron visiting Portland

to get in its coal. Certainly it ran

into days, but I do not imagine that

it was an “all-hands” job for officers

and men in the old Imperial Navy,

though I presume that, on principle,

it would be so now under the Soviets.

Executive officers would go to ex-

traordinary lengths to “get to wind-

ward” of their opposite numbers on

“coal ship” days. Colliers

would be brought alongside overnight

and all the bags filled in the hold

after dark by volunteers (who were

never lacking) so that, when the

signal to start was made

that number of tons was

ready packed. “Trial hoists,” which

would be allowed before the opera-

tion began, would run to fantastic

numbers of bags; beer would be dis-

tributed, extra leave promised and

various other illegalities practised

which eventually led to counter-

legislation on the part of authority.

Despite the dirt and discomfort,

the enthusiasm was really extraor-

dinary, and was betide anyone in a

smart ship who did not pull his

pound in coaling.

There is the tale of the band and

the ingenious Commander. It was

the practice for the band to play

during the day—moving round the

ship to various strategic positions

from which to encourage the workers.

This Commander decided that it

would be better to employ the extra

20 hands and dispense with music.

The band, through the bandmaster,

protested that their fingers, attuned

to music, might suffer by con-

tinuous heaving or barrow pushing. “There

may be reason in your protest,” re-

plied the resourceful officer. “It

would, no doubt, be unwise to risk

your musical future; so the band

will revert to music, which will be

distributed fairly in positions where

all can hear.”

PRACTICE WHICH

BORE FRUIT

A delighted ship's company ac-

cordingly greeted with enthusiasm

the isolated performances of in-

dividual members of the orchestra,

stationed all over the ship and col-

liers, with orders not to relax their

musical efforts throughout the day.

The big drum and the cymbals

sounded particularly well as solo

items.

It need hardly be said that a little

of this went a long way with the

musicians, who shortly petitioned to

be allowed to take their share in

manual labour.

With the coming of war “coal ship”

became, at least in the first few

months, almost a routine common-

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CHAMBERLAIN'S GREAT FIGHT TO STOP WAR THREAT

(Continued from Page 1.)

ing morning I put some points in a letter to Herr Hitler. Although the reply contained an explanation it offered no modification of his previous night's proposals.

"It was that night when the Memorandum and map was handed to me that I spoke frankly to Herr Hitler, telling him, and dwelling with all the emphasis in my power, of the risks involved in his insisting on such terms and the terrible consequences if war ensued.

"Despite these plain words the conversation continued on friendly terms than ever.

"Herr Hitler said he was grateful for my efforts but said that he considered that he had made a response in holding back his contemplated operations. He said he was offering the Czechs a frontier very different from that which would be taken as the result of a war.

London, Sept. 28

Loud cheers greeted Mr. Chamberlain when he rose to start his historic speech.

"We are faced to-day with a situation without parallel since 1914," he said. "The agreed revision of the League Covenant might have avoided this crisis. All members of the League must bear the responsibilities of that omission.

"The position in July was a deadlock in the Sudeten-Czech negotiations and fears were entertained that Germany might intervene.

"By the middle of August the gap between Herr Hitler's speech and the Czech Government's proposals was too wide for negotiation. Herr Hitler took a message from Lord Runciman to Hitler on September 2, hoping the Chancellor would support the continuance of negotiations. Herr Hitler did not communicate his reply to Lord Runciman but returned convinced of Hitler's desire for a peaceful solution.

"In the meantime developments in Germany itself were causing considerable anxiety to the British Government. Early in August we received reports of military preparations in Germany on an extensive scale.

GERMANY WARNED

"The British Ambassador to Berlin was instructed to point out these abnormal measures which could only be interpreted as a threat to the peace of Europe. He was told that the British Government was prepared to take precautionary measures and thus the chance of successful Runciman mediation might be destroyed.

"Herr von Ribbentrop replied, refusing to discuss the military measures and expressing the opinion that the British efforts in Prague had served only to increase the Czech intransigence.

"In consequence of information about the movement of several German divisions France at the end of August took precautionary measures by summoning reserves and manning the Maginot line. On August 31, Sir Neville Henderson gave the State Secretary at the Wilhelmstrasse a strong personal warning regarding the possible attitude of Britain in the event of German aggression in Czechoslovakia, particularly if France were compelled to intervene.

COMPELLED TO MOBILISE

"On September 14 a critical situation developed and Czechoslovakia was compelled to mobilise, even at the risk of provoking German invasion.

"Then," Mr. Chamberlain said, "I resolved to go to Germany myself and soon became aware that the situation was much more urgent than I had realised. Hitler declared that rather than wait for the Sudetens to achieve self-determination he was prepared to risk a world war. He, however, would discuss ways and means of effecting self-determination if I gave an assurance that Britain accepted them in principle. I undertook to consult my colleagues if he would refrain from active hostilities in the meantime. That assurance he gave, provided nothing happened in Czechoslovakia of such a nature as

to bind his hands and that assurance has remained binding ever since."

THREE ALTERNATIVES

Referring to the position in July when the deadlock had arisen in the negotiations between Czechoslovakia and the Sudetens, the Premier said that the British Government was faced with three alternatives: three ten to go to war with Germany if she attacked the Czechs; stand aside and allow matters to take their course; or finally attempt to find a peaceful solution.

"The first course we rejected, for we have no treaty liabilities with Czechoslovakia and have always refused to accept such liabilities. The second course was also repugnant, and we addressed ourselves to the task of mediation.

Mr. Chamberlain paid a tribute to Lord Runciman whose long and exhausting efforts gained the esteem of both sides. (Cheers.)

"Lord Runciman's efforts were directed with a considerable degree of success towards bringing the Sudetens and the Czechs into negotiations," he declared. "On July 28 Lord Halifax wrote a personal letter to Herr von Ribbentrop, expressing regret at the latter's statement to Sir Neville Henderson that Germany must reserve its attitude towards Lord Runciman's mission as a matter of purely British concern.

"Lord Halifax had expressed a hope that Germany would collaborate in a peaceful solution of the Sudeten question and afterwards to establishing relations between Britain and Germany on a basis of mutual confidence and collaboration.

"On the German people gave me a warm welcome demonstrating their desire for peace," explained Mr. Chamberlain. "I explained to Herr Hitler the Anglo-French proposals relating to the transfer of territory and the final delimitation of the frontier. Herr Hitler declined to conclude a pact of non-aggression with Czechoslovakia while other minorities there were still unsatisfied.

TOO DILATORY

He also refused to accept my other proposals as too dilatory, and gave me his Memorandum.

"For the first time I found that it contained a time limit and I spoke very frankly of the risks attendant upon such terms.

"I declared that the language and manner of the document was that of an ultimatum, and bitterly reproached the Chancellor for his failure to respond to my efforts for peace.

"Dealing with the final meeting at Godesberg, Mr. Chamberlain said that he had a few words with the Chancellor which he did not think were without importance.

"Herr Hitler repeated with great earnestness that this was his last territorial ambition in Europe and he again said that he wanted to be friends with England and if only the Sudeten question could be got out of the way peacefully he would resume negotiations.

QUESTION OF COLONIES

"He said there is one awkward question—the matter of colonies—but that is not a matter for war.

When Mr. Chamberlain referred to Herr Hitler's reference to "an awkward question" the matter of colonies there was some laughter in the House.

Mr. Chamberlain rebuked the interrupters and said severely: "I think at a time like this it is too serious for idle laughter. They are words which should be weighed and fully weighed."

Mr. Chamberlain then proceeded to deliver his personal message to Herr Hitler before he delivered his speech on September 28, making a further proposal for discussions between the German and Czechs in the presence of British representatives.

"Herr Hitler declined to depart from the procedure in the Memorandum on the grounds that the conference would lead to intolerable procrastination.

"After reading Herr Hitler's speech

expressing disbelief in the Czechs' intentions to carry out their promises, I issued a statement offering to guarantee those promises.

"Yesterday Sir Horace Wilson resumed his conference with Herr Hitler and found the latter's views apparently unchanged.

"Herr Hitler's reply brought by Sir Horace contains a definite statement that the troops of the German Army would not move beyond a certain red line and that they would be there to preserve order during the plebiscite.

"Herr Hitler offered to join an international guarantee for the remainder of Czechoslovakia once the minority question was settled.

"I believe he means what he says, but the difficulties and obstacles have narrowed to the point where it is inconceivable that they could not be settled by negotiations.

LAST APPEAL

"I therefore sent a last personal appeal stating that I was convinced that we could reach an agreement in a week. I cannot believe you will take the responsibility for starting a world war which might end civilisation, for the sake of a few days delay in settling a long standing problem," I pointed out to the Chancellor.

"I sent a message to Signor Mussolini at the same time, appealing to him to refrain from force and to go himself to Berlin to discuss arrangements with the German and Czech representatives and those of Italy and France.

"I suggested to Signor Mussolini that he inform Herr Hitler that he (Mussolini) would be represented and urge Herr Hitler to agree to my proposal."

POSTPONE MOBILISATION

The supreme announcement came at the end of Mr. Chamberlain's speech when he announced that he had sent yet another appeal to Hitler, offering to go again to Germany. He appealed also to Mussolini direct to join a conference to settle details within a week.

"Herr Hitler has invited me," said Mr. Chamberlain, "to meet him at Munich to-morrow. He has also invited Mussolini and M. Daladier, who have accepted."

"My appeal followed one from Mussolini to Hitler to postpone action after Mussolini had received my message.

"Hitler has agreed to postpone mobilisation for 24 hours.

HOUSE CHEERS WILDLY

Everyone in the House rose and cheered wildly as Mr. Chamberlain made this announcement.

The Prime Minister was visibly affected by the demonstration. Throughout the speech, which was concluded at 4.21 p.m., he had spoken in strong and sometimes ringing tones. His voice was low and controlled as he now declared that no member of the House will fail to feel his heart leap as he heard that the crisis has been once more postponed.

"I hope that the House is prepared once more to release me now to go and see what I can make on this last effort," he said.

Opposition Support

"Whatever views we may have had about Signor Mussolini in the past everyone will welcome his latest gesture," declared the Premier referring to his appeal to the Italian Dictator to take a hand in European affairs. The declaration was cheered in the House.

Mr. Clement Attlee made a brief speech in the House welcoming the Premier's statement.

"I am sure that the House is desirous of neglecting no chance of preserving peace without sacrificing principles, and will wish to give the Prime Minister every opportunity following this new move," he said.

Queen Mother Present

London, Sept. 28

Queen Mary was present in the Speaker's Gallery during the Prime Minister's speech and as she left immediately after the statement had concluded she was in tears.

The Duke of Kent, occupying the seat over the clock traditionally reserved for the Prince of Wales, also listened to the speech.

An air of resigned apprehension

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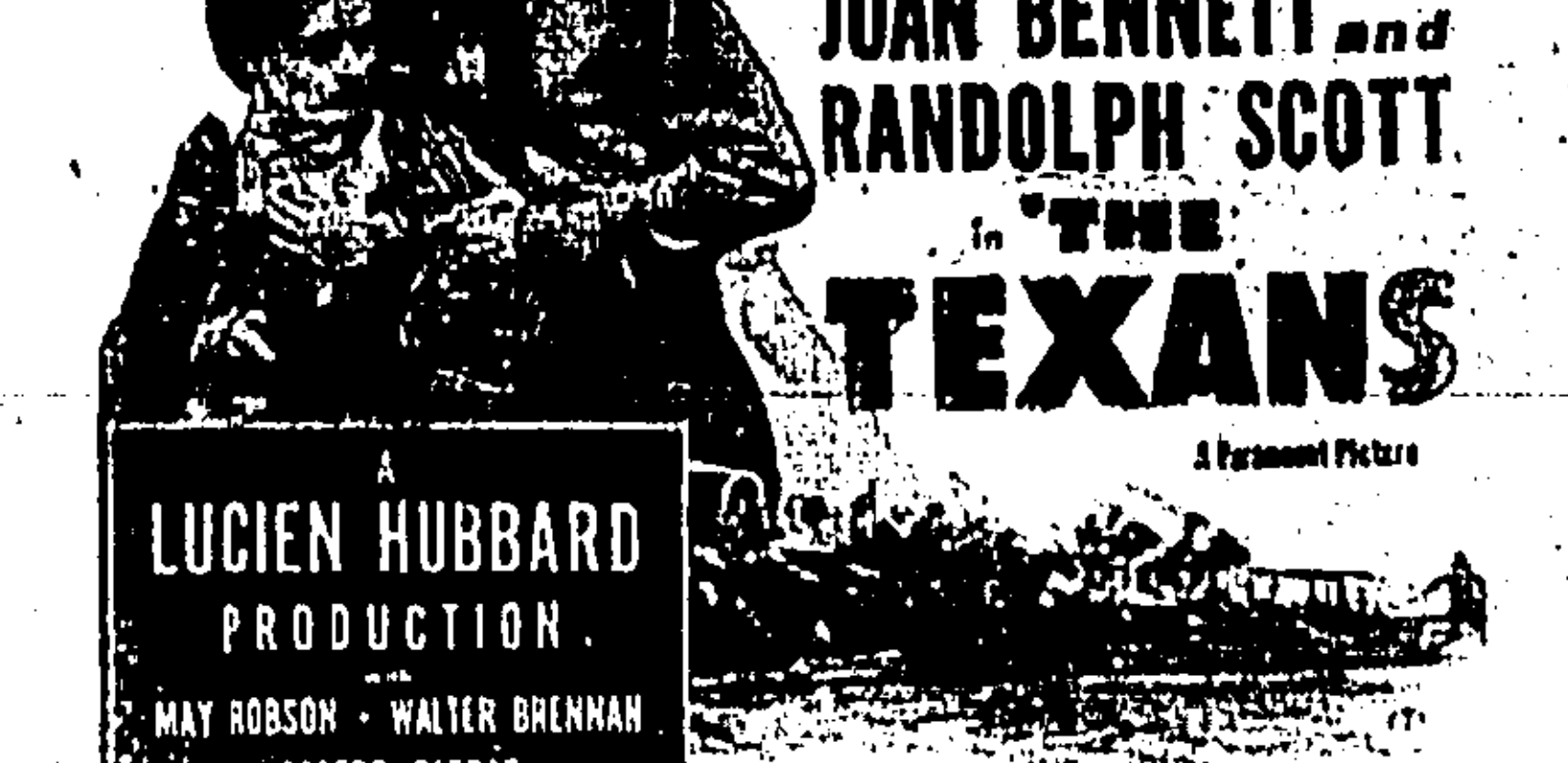
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Members of the Imperial College expedition to Jan Mayen, in the Greenland sea, led by Mr. Alexander King, have returned to England after a two months' stay on the island.

The north end of the island, which is difficult of access, has been explored, and a circuit of Jan Mayen on hand has been accomplished for the first time. A search was made for the figure-head of Lord Dufferin's ship deposited on Jan Mayen in the middle of the last century, but changes in the cliffs since the visit of the author of "Letters from High Latitudes" make it unlikely that the figure-head has survived.

The Heerenberg (7,600ft.) was ascended twice in connection with measurements of cosmic radiation made from the summit, and a party led by Dr. R. Russell made a first ascent of the north-east peak.

A geological map has been made of the central part of the island and extensive additions have been made to the known flora of Jan Mayen. In addition considerable work on plant physiology and ecology, marine biology, and ornithology has been accomplished.

This is the first Arctic expedition which has gone out from the University of London.

Boy Flunks As Magician

Oakland, Cal.—When 4-year-old Bobby Chapman saw a magician put a bean in his ear only to have it pop out almost instantly from his mouth, he decided to become a magician himself. He went home and promptly put a bean in his ear, but it not only failed to pop out of his mouth but even to come out of his ear. A specialist was called.

Everyone awoke gradually to the full realization that Mr. Chamberlain had performed yet another service for peace and every member in the House and every stranger in the gallery rose to his feet at a bound and wildly cheered, waved their arms, clapped and shouted.

PREMIER MOVED

The Prime Minister stood with his head erect and the muscles of his face twitching.

Then he lowered his head, and for a moment stood unasily as the cheering carried on.

As the ovation subsided all the weight of the events of the past week seemed to have suddenly descended on the Prime Minister's fortitude.

He controlled himself with the greatest effort, but his ringing voice had gone and as he continued he might have been asking a religious assembly to offer prayer and in scarcely audible tones he concluded:

"I hope that the House will be prepared to release me now to see what I can make of this last effort."

Quickly the Prime Minister resumed his seat and both he and Sir John Simon, who had sat beside the Premier throughout the speech, had moist eyes as they spoke a few words to one another.—Reuter.

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The Marienplatz in Munich, with the New Town Hall and the Frauenkirche

World Reactions To New Developments

Paris, Sept. 28.

The announcement of the Munich Conference surprised Paris but immediately brought a great relaxation of the current tension.—*Reuter.*

U.S. Pleased

Washington, Sept. 28. White House circles regard Herr Hitler's invitation as most encouraging and Wall Street greeted the news with a rousing rally.—*Reuter.*

Geneva Delighted

Geneva, Sept. 28. The announcement of the Munich meeting was received with the greatest surprise here. It has aroused the liveliest hopes of a peaceful settlement. Mr. Chamberlain's policy is warmly praised on all sides.—*Reuter.*

Cheering Crowds

London, Sept. 28. Cheering crowds ran behind the Prime Minister's car in Whitehall and formed about it as Mr. Chamberlain descended at No. 10 Downing Street with his wife. The Premier was smiling and confident and in response to the cheers of the crowds he cried, "It's all right this time." Then he seized his wife's arm and shook it warmly.

German View Unchanged

Berlin, Sept. 28. "This conference will not change the German view of the question of the Sudeten, but if the four persons talk matters over they should certainly become clearer," declared the official of the Propaganda Ministry with regard to the Munich conference.—*Reuter.*

Ambassador's Optimism

Washington, Sept. 28. Dr. Dieckhoff, the German Ambassador, called on Mr. Cordell Hull this morning. Later he stated that he believed that the Munich Conference will lead

to a broad settlement, embracing not only Czechoslovakia but also other European problems.—*Reuter.*

Canadian Relief

Ottawa, Sept. 28. Deep relief is felt throughout Canada at the news of the conference to be held at Munich.—*Reuter.*

Sterling Strengthens

London, Sept. 28. The Stock Exchange was pervaded by the feeling expressed by Mr. Chamberlain to the cheering crowds in Downing Street—"It's all right this time."

Stocks and share prices in the street market soared, while sugar and wheat slumped and rubber rallied briskly. Among the foreign exchanges the dollar suddenly encountered a wave of selling, falling from 4.62 to 4.71, when the Exchange Control intervened and checked the plunge.—*Reuter Special.*

Berlin Joyful

Berlin, Sept. 28. The news of the conference at Munich has been received here with great satisfaction in political quarters and with joy among the populace.

Large crowds gathered in the Wilhelmstrasse outside the Fuehrer's residence, awaiting him to emerge at 8 p.m. last night to drive to the Anhalt Station from where he caught the train to Munich.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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WARNING TO MARINERS

The following notice to the masters of all river vessels has been posted in the Harbour Office.

Masters of vessels on the Wuchow and Kongmoon run, in the event of the Barrier being closed when their ships are inside the Barrier, are asked to proceed immediately to Sam Shui, and Canton and go to the Consul General for instructions. The notice was issued by the Harbour Master, the Hon. Commander G. F. Hole.

24-HOUR BREATHING SPELL: FOUR POWER MEET

Last Minute Decision Lifts Clouds of War

HERR HITLER HAS AGREED TO A FOUR POWER CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT MUNICH TO-DAY AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M. DALADIER, SIGNOR MUSSOLINI AND THE GERMAN FUEHRER.

In consequence of this Conference, Herr Hitler has announced that Mobilisation of the German forces will be delayed until Sunday.

Important new proposals are believed to have been made by France and Britain in an effort to halt the threat of war.

Despite the relaxation of tension caused by Herr Hitler's agreement to a Conference, Britain and other interested Powers continue to take Home precautions against any developments.

Will Fly to Munich

London, Sept. 28. Mr. Chamberlain will fly to Munich to-morrow accompanied by Sir Horace Wilson, Sir William Malkin, Mr. F. Ashton-Gwatkin, Mr. William Strang, Lord Douglass and a personal detective and other officials. The plane, which will leave Heston Airport, is the super-Lockheed which carried Mr. Chamberlain to Cologne last week. It is expected to cover the 600 miles journey in about three hours.

The plane will be flown by Commander A. F. Robinson, Senior Pilot of British Airways, who participated in all previous flights to Germany. He will be accompanied by Commander V. E. Flowerday, a master pilot of British Airways, and Chief Radio Officer A. Woodall.

A second machine of the same type will convey the other members of the party. It will be piloted by Commander D. S. King, First Officer A. G. Nicholson, with Radio Officer A. M. Wood.—*Reuter.*

Italians Depart

Rome, Sept. 28. Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano left by special train for Munich to-night.—*Reuter.*

Daladier's Departure

Paris, Sept. 28. M. Daladier, the French Prime Minister, leaves at 5.30 a.m. to-morrow to fly to Munich, accompanied by M. Chapier, Director of the Prime Minister's Office, M. Leger, Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry, and M. Rochat, Director of the Bureau of European Affairs at the Foreign Office.—*Reuter.*

Daladier's Announcement

Paris, Sept. 28. Following an announcement by Premier Daladier last night that he had received a personal invitation from the German Chancellor to attend the Munich conference—an historic precedent—M. Daladier was forced to alter his plans considerably, and the speech to the nation which was to have been delivered last night became no more than a brief declaration.

"It has been decided," said M. Daladier in his announcement, "to hold a Four Power conference in Munich. I have accepted the invitation. You will understand that on the eve of such important conversations I must defer from saying anything of the declaration I intended to make and this conference not eventuated."

"On the eve of my departure I wish to thank the French people for the firm and dignified attitude they have adopted. I think above all, those Frenchmen called to the Colours and the renewed proof they have given of their calmness. "My task is difficult. In view of the difficulty I did not cease for a single day to work for peace and to safeguard France's vital interests. To-morrow I shall continue these endeavours in the conviction that in doing so I am in full agreement with the nation."—*Trans-Ocean.*

Quarter Million Under Arms

Budapest, Sept. 28. While no official details are given, it is generally understood that Hungary has between 200,000 and 300,000 men under arms, including those who received training under the latest precautionary measures.

It is admitted here that war would inevitably bring about an exhausting strain on Hungary's resources. Supplies of wheat, vegetables, wine and other foods are excellent, but it is added that in war these are no substitute for arms.

The question in the minds of many observers is whether Germany would irresistibly demand Hungary to march against Prague. Some declare that Germany would prefer Hungary to remain neutral as a useful German trading base. Others point to Hungary as the strategic manoeuvring ground for German forces.—*Reuter Special.*

Men And Women Rush To Join Colours

London, Sept. 28. Young men in London are rushing to join the Territorial Army Unit, which is now full, according to Colonel Morgan, Secretary of the London Territorial Army Association. The task of selecting and examining recruits is proceeding rapidly, and doctors are working all day and late into the night to keep pace with the flow of applicants.

London women made an immediate and magnificent response to the Government appeal for volunteers for service in the newly formed Women's Auxiliary Corps.

Territorial drill halls and headquarters were besieged to-day by women anxious to register themselves on the roll for service training. Hundreds of both young and middle-aged called at the County of London Territorial Army Headquarters at Chelsea before 10 a.m., and other drill halls in various parts of London were kept busy with a steady stream of volunteers.—*Reuter Special.*

Further Mobilisation

Paris, Sept. 28. Another mobilisation order has been posted in Paris this evening calling up another category of reservists immediately.—*Reuter.*

Precautions Continue

London, Sept. 28. The announcement of the Munich conference has not halted the development of precautionary measures. The Board of Trade has ordered the suspension until after October 10 of the validity of all outstanding export licences for war materials for foreign countries.

The Board has also issued a statement deprecating private persons laying in stocks of food in anticipation of a possible crisis, declaring that supplies of essential foodstuffs in Great Britain are adequate for some time to come and that should war break out the supply and redistribution of food would be controlled to ensure that there would be no undue rise in prices and that all consumers would receive a fair share.—*Reuter.*

Armed Merchantmen?

Vancouver, Sept. 28. It is believed here, though the report is not confirmed, that the Canadian Pacific Steamship Line is cancelling Saturday's departure of the Empress of Russia. Officials of the Line declined to comment on the report that the ship would be commandeered by Britain in the event of war.—*United Press.*

Germany Cancels Ships' Sailings

Berlin, Sept. 28. German Steamship companies are recalling ships from the High Seas and have cancelled sailings from German ports.

Among the ships recalled, it is understood, is the giant line Europa, which sailed for New York on Tuesday from Bremerhaven.

The Hamburg-Amerika Line has announced that it is holding the liner Hamburg in port "for the time being," and has advised passengers to remain ashore.

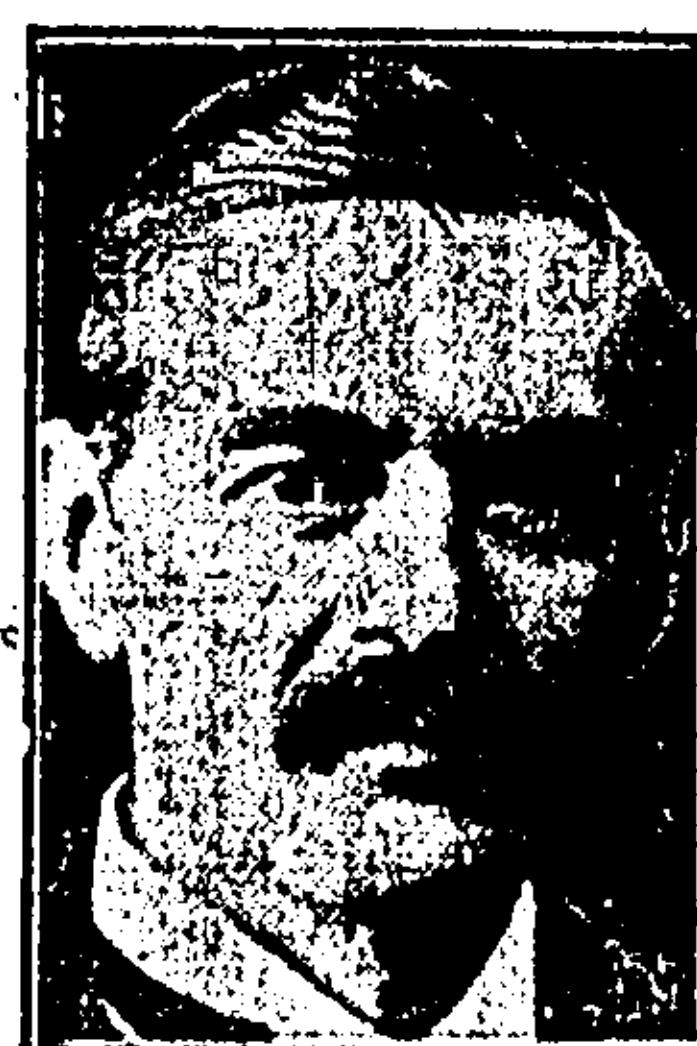
The German authorities at Vienna announced that all passenger and freight traffic on the Danube is "interrupted for the time being."—*United Press.*

Royal Proclamations

London, Sept. 28. Just before Parliament assembled His Majesty the King signed four Royal Proclamations summoning naval reservists.—*United Press.*

Summon Parliament Demand in Paris

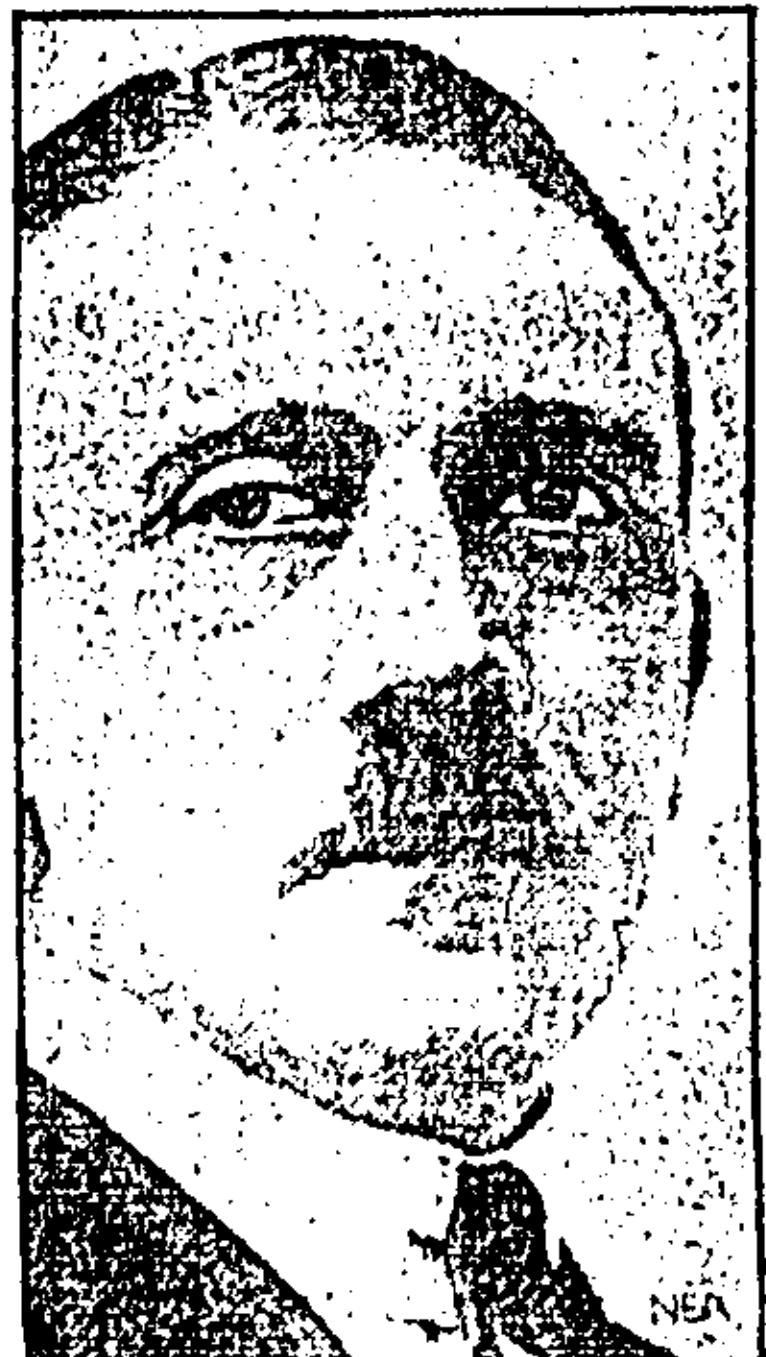
Paris, Sept. 28. M. Flandrin, one-time Premier of France, published in *Le Journal* to-day an article demanding the immediate summoning of the French Parliament. "M. Daladier's refusal to convolve Parliament is incomprehensible and



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MANILA SHARES

The following quotations were received after the close of the morning session through Reuters:

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Atok	23 1/2	24 1/2 XD
Baguio Gold	31 1/2	32 1/2
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Consolidated Mines	23	24 1/2
Demonstration	23	24 1/2
Paracut	23	24 1/2
San Maurice	23	24 1/2
Suway	23	24 1/2
United Paracut	23	24 1/2

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

Prices were up from 1 1/2c to 10c in a firm market.

It might well be asked if France still has a democratic regime," declared M. Flandrin.

"Signor Mussolini, Herr Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain have all spoken to their peoples, but the French Government persists in its silence," says the article.

For some weeks, points out M. Flandrin, while momentous events have been taking place in Europe the French public has been the victim of false reports and the man in the street has been at a loss to know where the truth lies. "The totalitarian states have formerly been reproached for employing such methods, and now the French nation could be led into war without the opportunity of a Parliamentary debate or a vote," claims M. Flandrin.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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- R2530—Hungaria. Budapest at Night.
- R2519—Sadko-Song of India. Pizicato Waltz.
- R2445—Julika! Czardas. F.T. Play Gypsy Play. F.T. GEORGE BOULANGER & HIS ORCH.
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CHINESE ALLEGE EXTENSIVE USE OF POISON GAS IN YANGTSE WARFARE

3,000 BOMBS ON TIENCHIACHEN IN RECORD AIR RAID

EXTENSIVE use of poison gas by the Japanese is alleged in latest Chinese despatches from the Yangtse Front, where warfare is raging on an unprecedentedly bitter scale.

In an effort to blast the Chinese from Tienchiachen, gateway to the Wuhan cities on the north side of the Yangtse, the Japanese have dropped 3,000 bombs on the city. The Chinese are still grimly holding on.

Train services have been suspended between Canton and Hankow owing to Japanese bombings.

3,000 Bombs On Tienchiachen

Hankow, Sept. 29. Failing to dislodge the Chinese troops by infantry attacks, the Japanese are resorting to daily aerial bombings at Tienchiachen, gateway to the Wuhan tricity area.

Over 3,000 bombs of various types are said to have been dumped by Japanese planes on the town during the last couple of days.

As the enemy machines were kept at a high altitude by intense Chinese anti-aircraft gun fire, most of the missiles go wide of their marks and little damage has been done to the Chinese defence works, which are described as unusually strong.

All fortified positions at and around Tienchiachen remain intact in Chinese hands.—Central News.

Japanese Use Gas

Wuning, Sept. 28. After the Chinese annihilation of a detachment of troops south-west of the Juchang-Wuning highway on September 20, the Japanese have brought up reinforcements and are making a new westward thrust on the highway.

Violent fighting is reported to be raging at Shangluhsia and Yangyao-kang.

At both places the Japanese are alleged to have used poison gas in an attempt to reduce the strong Chinese resistance.

The Chinese are employing flanking attacks and have succeeded in breaking into the Japanese lines several times. Each time, however, they were forced back by Japanese poison gas.—Central News.

Ammunition Depots Fired

Nanchang, Sept. 28. A Chinese guerrilla raiding party stormed the Japanese garrison at

Kaokung and Chentsun, on the west shore of Poyang Lake, and set fire to their ammunition and provision depots on Monday.

The Japanese, numbering 200 men, were taken aback by the sudden assault. Between 60 and 70 were killed whilst the rest were dispersed. Two thousand piculs of rice and other food stuffs and a large quantity of ammunition were destroyed. The fire burned for the whole day.

To avoid a Japanese counter-attack the guerrillas voluntarily withdrew from Kaokung and Chentsun yesterday morning, bringing with them 20 piculs of provisions, 70 army blankets and a quantity of other military supplies which they had saved.—Central News.

Warships Damaged

Kinhwa, Sept. 28. Japanese warships off Ningpo and Chinghai on the east Chekiang coast have all been withdrawn, according to reports.

The reports add that one of them was disabled and two others damaged when they were heavily shelled by Chinese shore batteries upon their departure.—Central News.

Train Services Suspended

Canton, Sept. 28. Part of the Yuenam bridge is down on the Hankow-Canton railway.

Last night the train from Hankow had to turn back to its destination with all its passengers. At present it appears that all passenger traffic between here and Hankow will be suspended until the bridge is repaired.—Our Own Correspondent.

Shansi Gas Attack

Sian, Sept. 29. To break the stiff Chinese resistance, the Japanese resorted to gas warfare during an attack on Szech-



The Douglas steamer Haiyang lying off Amoy, with Kulangsu, the foreign Settlement, in the background. A Japanese naval patrol ship is moored on the right-hand side of the wharf.

wang, a village in the vicinity of Chungyang, in western Shansi on September 23, a belated report received here reveals. More than 30 Chinese soldiers were killed.

The Japanese, however, were beaten back by the Chinese who tenaciously held their ground.—Central News.

U. S. Manoeuvres In Shanghai

Shanghai, Sept. 29. Intensive manoeuvres will be held by the 1st Battalion, the U.S. Fourth Marines along Soochow Creek, which separates the southern portion of the Settlement from the Japanese controlled territory.

The Marines will hold what is termed "normal drill" along the portion of the creek passing through their sector, beginning at 6.30 p.m. and ending at 8.30 p.m.

Reports that the Marines have been strengthening the defence works in their sector are unconfirmed, though some activity in the way of stringing up new telephone wires has been noted in the area.—Reuter.

CAR STOLEN

Mr. Pascal has reported to the police the loss of his car No. 357 from Statue Square about 7.15 last night.

JAPANESE MAKE FIRST AIR RAID ON YUNNANFU

Shanghai, Sept. 29.

"CENTRAL NEWS" states that Japanese planes, for the first time since the war commenced, bombed Yunnanfu to-day.

It is reported by the Chinese that three Japanese planes were shot down and eleven Japanese killed. Chinese casualties were light. The Yunnanfu Normal School was completely wrecked.—United Press.

Three Planes Down

Kunming, Sept. 29. The Japanese air force paid the price of three planes for their first raid on Kunming (Yunnanfu), capital of Yunnan, yesterday morning.

The air raid siren shrieked at 9 a.m., when nine enemy war machines were sighted heading for the city.

Shortly after the raiders broke into the city limits, they were challenged by Chinese pursuit planes which had taken to the air.

In the ensuing dogfight three enemy planes were shot down. The raiders dropped ten bombs outside the west city gate. The missiles landed at the Kun Hwa Normal School and the agricultural experimental station of the Provincial Department of Reconstruction, killing and wounding scores of civilians. The building of the Kun Hwa Normal School was partially damaged.

More bombs were unloaded over the south-eastern suburbs. Of three Japanese machines shot down one crashed at Yiliang, on the Yunnan Railway, and the other two at Nanshen. Eleven airmen aboard the ill-fated planes were all killed. The "all clear" signal was given at 9.40 a.m.—Central News.

Kian Raided

Hankow, Sept. 29. After conducting an extensive reconnaissance flights over north-eastern Kiangai, six Japanese bombers raided Kian, about 195 kilometres south-west of Nanchang, yesterday.

They released over 30 bombs in the outskirts, damaging 30 houses. Later they flew along the Chekiang-Kiangai Railway for reconnaissance.

HAPPY EVENT IN ROYAL FAMILY

Tokyo, Sept. 29. A happy event is expected in the coming spring of Their Majesties, the Emperor and Empress.

The Imperial Household Department announced to-day that Her Majesty the Empress is now five months enceinte.—Donat.

EUROPEAN LADY FINED

Mrs. H. W. G. McLaren, of 79 Waterloo Road, was fined \$10 by Mr. X. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for allowing her black chow dog to be in Waterloo Road without a muzzle or lead on September 10.

Mr. McLaren appeared in answer to the summons, and pleaded guilty. He said the dog, which had been incited against rabies had run into the road when the gate had been left open.

A similar fine was imposed on E. Allaye, of 18 Cumberland Road, who was also summoned for allowing his chow dog to be in Cumberland Road without a muzzle on September 5.

Lance Sergeant D. H. Taylor prosecuted.



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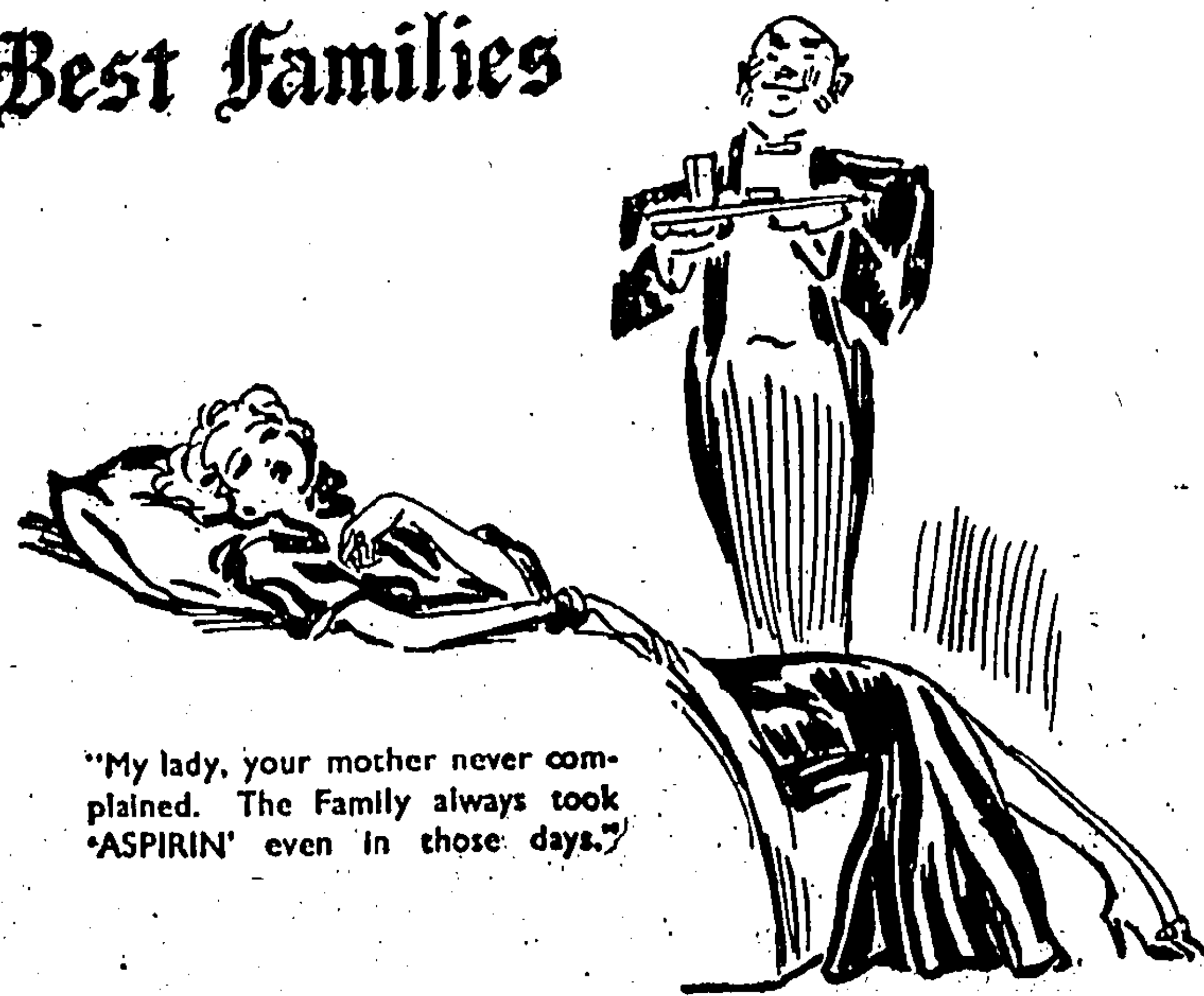
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7.02 Turner Loyal (Piano and Voice).

Old Plantation (Redmond and David); September In The Rain (H.M. Melody for Two); When The Harvest Moon Is Shining (Wilfred and Swaine).

7.12 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Saddles (from "Rhythm on the Range"); I'm An Old Cowhand (from "Rhythm on the Range"); Ambrose and His Orchestra with vocal chorus; Waltz—Alice Blue Gown; Rumba—El Capulito De Alel; Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Two A Muggin'; Waltz—Roy Fox and His Orchestra with vocal chorus; Waltz—Music in May (from "Carloss Rapture"); Novelty Fox-Trot—Peter's Pop Keeps a Lollipop Shop; Ambrose and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down; Paso-Doble—Toulet; The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall with vocal chorus; Novelty Fox-Trot—Knock, Knock, Who's There?; Fox-Trot—Wood and Ivory; Ambrose and His Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—Me And The Moon; Comedy Waltz—Dandelion; Daisy and Daffodil; Billy Cotton and His Band with vocal chorus; Fox-Trot—Ebony Shadows; Big Boy Blue; Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing with vocal refrain by Betty Kent.

8 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 London Relay—"World Affairs."

A talk by J. L. Briery, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law in the University of Oxford.

8.15 Vladimir Horowitz at the Piano.

Presto-Passionale (Appendix to Op. 22—Schumann); Traumenswilen, Op. 12, No. 7 (Schumann); Mazurka in E Minor, Op. 41, No. 2 (Chopin); Forgotten Waltz (Liszt).

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Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
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Milan	89 1/2	89
Oslo	10.00	10.00
Amsterdam	8.92 1/2	8.77 1/2
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
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Yokohama	1 1/2	1 1/2
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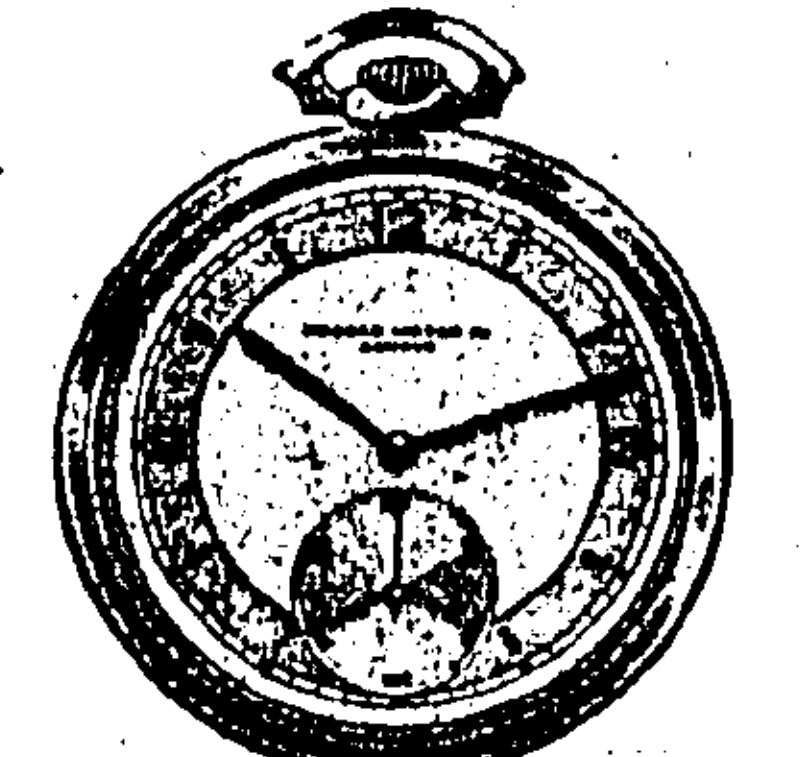
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"I think this is the first known case of a mud-tail travelling by air," said Mr. H. W. Fraser, Inspector of Mui-Tsai, when prosecuting a former Chinese Government clerk, Chung Tsak-lam 40, before Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for keeping an unregistered mud-tail.

The girl, Cheung Ah-seong, aged eight, had been brought down by air from Hankow last month, but had not been brought to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs until September 27. The girl had been exceptionally well treated.

A nominal fine of \$10 was imposed.

British Lady Insulted In Chungking

Chungking, Sept. 29. Mrs. J. H. Moyling, wife of the Manager of Messrs. Barly and Doddwell, was the victim of an unprovoked attack here yesterday, when she had her face slapped by a Chinese of the student class as she was proceeding in her chair along one of the city's main streets.

The incident occurred about 11 a.m. when two well-dressed Chinese stepped off the pavement and one struck Mrs. Moyling with his open hand, delivering a heavy blow. The pair then walked off laughing.

The incident was reported to the British Consul General here, Mr. E. W. P. Mills.—Reuter.

"COTTON FOR SILVER" PROPOSAL

Washington, Sept. 29. A proposal that the United States cotton "carry-over" be exchanged for a huge shipment of silver from China and India, has been advanced by Senator Key Pittman, who has pointed out that cotton growers are faced with disaster because of the loss of foreign markets.

He suggests that about 13,400,000 bales of cotton should be exported to the Orient in exchange for 670,000,000 ounces of silver.—Reuter.

GERMAN FAILS TO REGISTER

Otto Bretting, a German subject, was fined \$5 at the Central Magistracy this morning for failing to register his arrival in the Colony. Evidence disclosed that Mr. Bretting arrived here on the Schornhorst from Japan on September 22.

Mr. Bretting stated that he was unaware of the registration regulations.

SHOP FOKI CHARGED

Yik Ng 46, shop foki, was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning on two counts of fraudulent conversion, sums of \$621.20 and \$612 being involved.

The money was entrusted to Yik by the Wing On Co., Ltd., on August 15 and 27 to pay the West River Transportation and Trading Company.

Defendant was remanded for 24 hours.

ATTEMPTED ARSON ALLEGED

A case of attempted arson was reported to the Police yesterday by Wong Yuk, a widow, residing at 145 Temple Street.

She states that she found the door of her house alight at 6 a.m. yesterday. The fire was put out without much damage being done.

The matter is being investigated by the Police.

ROBBED ABOARD EMPRESS LINER

R. Zundaga, a passenger on board the Empress of Asia, has reported to the Police the loss of a suitcase containing jewellery, clothing and private papers valued at \$103 from the ship.

The robbery occurred between 9 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. yesterday.

Ranch Has Electric Fence

Arcadia, Fla.

J. T. Smith, retired railroad man who is developing a 2,700-acre cattle ranch, does not worry about his cattle straying. The fence around his pasture is electrically charged to give cattle a mild shock.

POST OFFICE.

AIR MAIL SERVICES

Air Mail Services to Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin, and Peiping are temporarily suspended.

AIR MAIL LETTERS

Surcharged air mail letters may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamship Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

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PARCEL POST

Parcel Post Service to the Province of Yunnan is temporarily suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Japan and Shanghai	Carthage	September 29.
Holhow	Mulnam	September 29.
Saloon	Jean Laborde	September 30.
Haiphong	Suiyang	September 30.
Shanghai	Yangtze	September 30.
Parcels from Calcutta and Straits	Tientsin	September 30.
Shanghai	Conte Verde	October 1.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date.	Imperial Airways Plane	October 1.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Holhow	Ninghai	October 1.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco, date 21st September.	San Pan-American Airways Plane	October 1.
Straits	Philippines	October 1.
Java	Tjibaduk	October 1.
Shanghai	Tusima Maru	October 1.
Shanghai	Kingyun	October 2.
Amoy	Tjinegara	October 2.
Japan	Hawaii Maru	October 3.
Bangkok	Koying	October 3.

OUTWARD MAILS

For Per Date and Time.

Thursday

Amoy ... Soochow ... Thurs., Sept. 29, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Central and South American and (Parcels and Papers only for Canada) ... Thurs., Sept. 29, 5 p.m.

—due Vancouver B.C., 17th October and Europe (except Great Britain and Ireland) via Siberia ... Thurs., Sept. 29, 5 p.m.

Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow, Changsha and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit). ... Thurs., Sept. 29, 5 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 6th October. ... Thurs., Sept. 29, 5 p.m.

Direct Service—due London, 6th October. ... Thurs., Sept. 29, 5 p.m.

Air Mail for Malaysia and Australia Imperial Airways Plane ... Thurs., Sept. 29, 5 p.m.

by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 8th October. ... Thurs., Sept. 29, 5 p.m.

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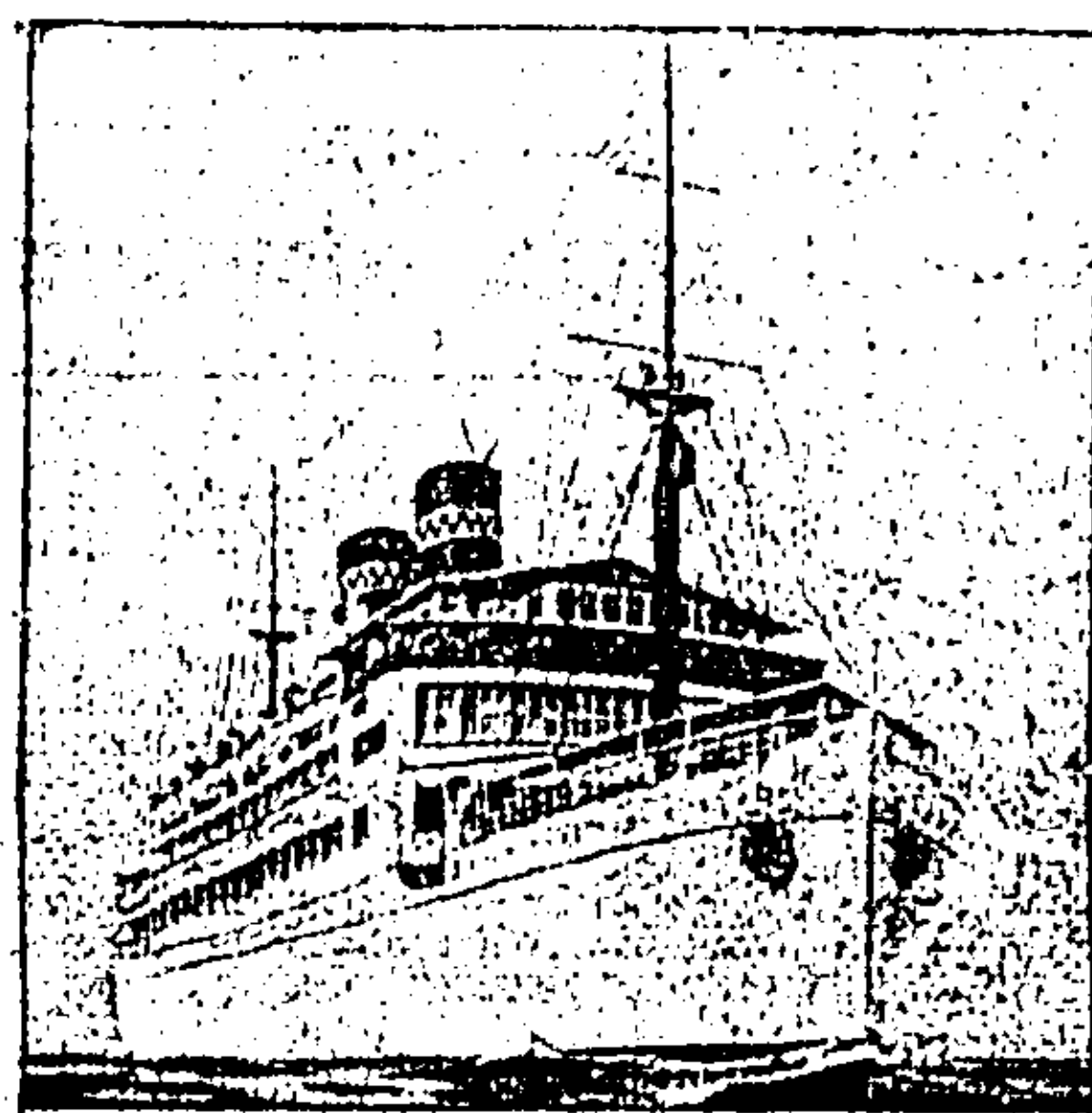
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Neptuna Saturday, 1st Oct.
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.
Mito Maru Wednesday, 12th Oct.
RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore.
Tusima Maru Saturday, 1st Oct.
Hakodate Maru Tuesday, 11th Oct.
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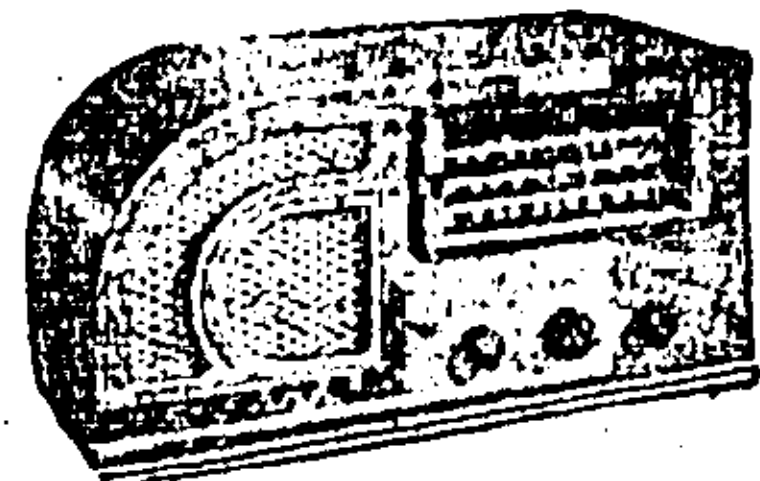
The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks	
H.K. Bank, \$1,410 n.	
H.K. Bank (Lon. Reg.), \$83 n.	
Chartered Bank, \$29 3/4 n.	
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £27 n.	
Mercantile Bank, C., £12 1/2 n.	
East Asia Bank, \$88 n.	
Insurance	
Canton Ins., \$220 n.	
Union Ins., \$305 n.	
China Underwriters, \$2 n.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$200 n.	
Shipping	
Douglas, \$89 1/2 n.	
H.K. Steamboats, \$20 n.	
Indo-Chinas (Pref.), \$60 n.	
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$24 n.	
Shell Bearer, \$77 1/2 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$9 n.	
Docks Etc.	
H.K. & K. Wharves, \$130 n.	
H.K. Docks (old), \$19 1/2 n.	
H.K. Docks (new), \$18 1/2 n.	
Providents (old), \$8 1/2 n.	
Providents (new), \$8 1/2 n.	
New Engineering Sh., \$3.00 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Sh., \$125 n.	
Kailan Mining Adm., \$/- 14/- n.	
Haubs, \$8 1/2 n.	
Yong, Goldfield, \$3 n.	
Hongkong, Minca, 7 1/2 cts. n.	
Philippine Mining	
Antamok, P., 33 1/2 cts. n.	
Atoks, P., 32 cts. n.	
Baguio Gold, P., 21 1/2 cts. n.	
Benquet Consol., P., 10.00 cts. n.	
Benquet Explor., P., 39 cts. n.	
Coco Grove, P., 39 cts. n.	
Big Wedge, P., 39 cts. n.	
Consolidated Mines, P., 23 cts. n.	
Demonstrations, P., 23 cts. n.	
E. Mindanao, P., 23 cts. n.	
Gumaus G'fields, P., 23 cts. n.	
Ipo Gold, P., 23 cts. n.	
I.X.L., P., 23 cts. n.	
Longs, P., 23 cts. n.	
Min. Resources, P., 23 cts. n.	
Paracale Gumaus, P., 23 cts. n.	
Salacot Mining, P., 23 cts. n.	
San Mauricio, P., 23 cts. n.	
Suyoc Consol., P., 23 cts. n.	
United Paracales, P., 23 cts. n.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$8 1/2 n.	
H.K. Lands, \$29 n.	
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Shanghai Lands, Sh., \$8.40 n.	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh., 10 1/2 n.	
Humphries, \$8 1/2 n.	
H.K. Realities, \$5 n.	
Chinese Estates, \$88 n.	
Public Utilities	
H.K. Tramways, \$10 1/2 n.	
Peak Trams (old), \$8 1/2 n.	
Peak Trams (new), \$3 1/2 n.	
Star Ferries, \$77 n.	
Yaumati Ferries (old), \$24 1/2 n.	
Yaumati Ferries rights, \$23 1/2 n.	
China Light (old), \$10 1/2 n.	
China Light (new), \$8 n.	
H.K. Electric, \$58 1/2 n.	
Macao Electric, \$17 1/2 n.	
Sandakan Light, \$9.35 n.	
Telephone (old), \$28 n.	
Telephone (new), \$9 n.	
China Buses, Sh., 25/- n.	
Singapore Tractions, \$/- 25/- n.	
Singapore Pref., \$/- 26/3 n.	
Industrial	
Cald. Macg. (ord.), Sh., \$14 n.	
Cald. Macg. (Pref.), Sh., \$13 n.	
Canton Ice, \$1.70 n.	
Cements, \$10 1/2 n.	
H.K. Ropes, \$4 1/2 n.	
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farms, \$25 n.	
Watsons, \$7.40 n.	
Lane Crawford, \$8 1/2 n.	
Sincere, \$2 n.	
Wing On (H.K.), \$47 1/2 n.	

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Miscellaneous

H.K. Entertainments, \$8 1/2 n.

Constructions, \$1 1/2 n.

Vibro Piling, \$8.85 n.

Ch. Govt. 5% 1923 G's Bonds, 84% prem. n.

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 8 1/2% prem. n.

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Wallace Harpers, —

Marsmans (Lon.), \$/- 13/- n.

Marsmans Ins. (H.K.), \$/- 3/4 n.

Anglo Javans, —

Consolidated China Providents (old), —

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday says:

In view of the European situation the prices of all purely local stocks have been left at nominal quotations.

Antamok	23 1/2
Atoks	32
Benquet Consol.	11.00
Coco Grove	28
Consolidated Mines	23 1/2
Demonstrations	23
I. X. L.	23
San Mauricio	23
Suyoc Consol.	23 1/2
United Paracales	23 1/2

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BRITONS ARE
READY

Writing on the eve of a momentous meeting of the House of Commons, we would like to refer our readers to extracts from a speech made in that same Chamber twenty-four years ago, on August 3, 1914—36 hours before Britain was plunged into the most disastrous war civilisation has known. The speaker on that occasion was Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Minister who fought, as Mr. Neville Chamberlain is fighting to-day, to avert catastrophic war and its attendant horrors.

This is what Sir Edward Grey said:

"The most awful responsibility is resting upon the Government in deciding what to advise the House of Commons to do. We have disclosed our mind to the House of Commons. We have disclosed the issue, the information which we have, and made clear to the House, I trust, that we are prepared to face that situation, and that should it develop, as probably it will develop, we will face it. We worked for peace up to the last moment, and beyond the last moment. How hard, how persistently, and how earnestly we strove for peace last week the House will see from the papers that will be before it.

"But that is over, as far as the peace of Europe is concerned. We are now face to face with a situation and all the consequences which it may yet have to unfold. We believe that we shall have the support of the House at large in proceeding to whatever the consequences may be and whatever measures may be forced upon us by the development of facts or action taken by others.

"I have put the vital facts before the House and if, as seems not improbable, we are forced, and rapidly forced, to take our stand upon these issues, then I believe, when the country realises what is at stake, what the real issues are, the magnitude of the impending dangers in the West of Europe, we shall be supported throughout, not only by the House of Commons, but by

Personalities of Old Hongkong

CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR JAMES RUSSELL

By T. Paul Gregory

Successful Career

A well-known name in the Colony during the latter part of the last century was that of Chief Justice, Sir James Russell, Kt., C.M.G. His career of more than twenty-five years in the service of the Hongkong Government was a most meritorious one, and earned for him the esteem of the entire community; for he was happily one of those personalities who combined in addition to great ability and a remarkable capacity for conscientious endeavour, a kind and generous disposition.

Sir James Russell was born in Ireland about the year 1840. He was the son of a well-to-do family, who provided him with an excellent education, and he graduated at Queen's University in 1863 with a B.A. Degree. The subsequent three or four years were spent in private study and in acting as tutor and companion to the sons of other wealthy families. The apparently futureless vocation of a teacher at length began to pall on the young man, and he decided to enter the foreign service. In 1867 he was appointed to a cadetship in Hongkong. Upon his arrival in the Colony, he occupied himself with his habitual ardour to the studies of the Government cadet, but so rapid was his progress that he came to the attention of the then Governor, Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell, who, the very next year, nominated him as his Private Secretary.

His next post—that of Police Magistrate—instilled in him an interest in the law, so that upon his leave of absence at Home in 1872, he determined to utilise the opportunity for further study. The law now became his forte, and he took his LL.B. at the University of Dublin. So conspicuous was his scholastic standard that he won a gold medal, and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in the Easter Term of 1874, the authorities allowing him a concession of three terms, as ordinarily he would not have been admitted to practice until later in the year.

the determination, the resolution, the courage, and the endurance of the whole country."

The determination, resolution, courage and endurance for which Sir Edward Grey appealed just over twenty-four years ago persisted until, four years later, the forces of Might criminally unleashed upon the world were crushed.

British people to-day are not concerned with the merits of the dispute between Czechoslovakia and Germany. In 1914, they were not concerned with the merits of the dispute between Austria and Serbia, which culminated in the Great War. But they are vitally concerned when the peace of the world is threatened by brute force. And, as in 1914-1918, British people can be relied upon to support their King and Country to the last man and the last penny. News of the last minute proposals for a Four Power Conference at Munich is wonderful news. We all pray that Mr. Chamberlain's last minute efforts for peace will not go unrewarded.

Upon his return to the Colony in June 1874, he was gazetted Coroner, an office which he filled with entire satisfaction. From this position it was inevitable that further promotion should be his lot, and he served during the next nine years in various capacities, ranging from Acting Puisne Judge to Colonial Treasurer and Registrar General.

The death of Mr. Francis Snowden, the Puisne Judge on April 1, 1883, provided him with an unexpected opportunity; for he was immediately appointed by the Governor, Sir George Ferguson Bowen to fill the vacancy. So conspicuously did he discharge the duties of the Bench that he won wide acclaim, and it was not to be wondered at that his ability soon came to the attention of the Home Government. He was accordingly the recipient of a Companionage in the Order of St. Michael and St. George on June 18, 1887. The bestowal of this honour seemed to be a signal for further promotion; for on November 10, 1888, owing to the retirement of the Chief Justice, Sir George Philipps, he was accordingly gazetted as his successor.

As one of the Colony's leading legal minds, Chief Justice Russell was noted for the fairness of his decisions. If he erred, it was perhaps on the side of leniency. Like others of his time, he was not adverse to entering the great controversy which raged in Hongkong during the 'eighties as to whether the public whipping post should be abolished. His recorded opinion was apparently a non-committal one; for while he was too kind an individual at heart to openly endorse the weekly quota of floggings in full view of the thrill-seeking public, he was honest enough to state that "he did not know how local crime was to be curbed if the cat and the birch were to be abolished." In this respect, he echoed the convictions of the majority of the community, who, while they were perhaps as humanitarian as any other, did not feel too sure of the wisdom of Governor Pope Hennessy's "advanced" liberalism.

The Chief Justiceship of Hongkong was really his last official appointment, and although he was honoured with a knighthood while on furlough in 1890, he began to feel that health considerations would eventually compel his retirement. The arduous duties of his office began to tell on his constitution, and in 1893, he determined to resign and return Home in an effort to recuperate his failing strength. While it was hoped that Sir James would recover sufficiently to permit his return to the Colony, the majority of the community felt that his departure would be permanent. Their fears were fulfilled: for on September 3, 1893, came the tidings that he had passed away at Strathpeffer, Scotland, where he had gone but a few days previously in a vain effort to profit by a change of scenery. The residents of the Colony were profoundly shocked at the news of his death, and hastened to pay tributes to his memory. The most eulogistic of them all came in a telegram

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Darling! Glorious news! The War Department just accepted my new bomb!"

Women Don't UNDERSTAND Science

Says

HELEN SIMPSON

A MAN has just observed to me that at the recent meeting of the British Association, where the scientific work and achievements of the year were discussed, women had little to contribute.

There may be more of them than usual with a lot to talk about, but it will just be a paper here and there checking somebody else's facts; some records of patient observation. Of original stuff, very little.

It was odd, he thought. I disagreed with him. I thought it perfectly normal. Women's brains have one blind spot, and that blind spot is science.

A single answer leaps to everybody's mouth, a name: Mme. Curie. Well, Mme. Curie was a prodigy. Hers was the life of the scientist born.

The quiet Polish woman calculating at her chemist husband's side, obscure and content, having her children—and going back to work. Stricken with illness, loss—and going back to work.

High Honours

INTERRUPTED by war, but working always. In her black dress, turned and re-turned a dozen times, receiving high honours; claimed by France as her greatest glory, denied entrance to the French Institute on the grounds that she was a foreigner; frankly praised, savagely assailed, caring nothing for any of it—and going back to work.

Yes, Mme. Curie is out of the top drawer. Harriet, Chick's work on rickets is world-famed. Recently a Welsh girl solved a mathematical problem which had baffled aircraft designers for years. Then, of course, there's Mrs. Maxine Miles, who very successfully designs aeroplanes.

But you cannot make out a case for women being scientifically minded on the strength of these exceptions, as you cannot, on the strength of Boardman and Joan of Arc, describe them as notable strategists in war.

We lack, and always will lack, the qualities which go to make an Einstein, a Pasteur, or a Stephenson.

And a woman chess champion gave it as her opinion that we could never—"well, hardly ever"—be expected to beat the chess masters of the world.

"What Is Algebra?"

MATHEMATICS we cannot see the sense of. The ladies in Sir James Barrie's "Quality Street" put this female viewpoint quite clearly.

from Lord Ripon to the Governor, Sir William Robinson on September 8:

It stated in part: "In my opinion, Sir James Russell's service to the Government was of a very high order, and in him successive Governors and Secretaries of State found a wise, just, and single-minded advisor, who, not on the judicial bench only, but in other ways, did good and lasting work for the Colony in which his public life was spent."

Says Miss Susan: "What is algebra, exactly? Is it those three-cornered things?"

And Miss Phoebe answers sadly: "It is X minus Y equals Z plus Y. And all the time you are saying they are equal, you feel in your heart. Why should they be?"

Mathematics is a specialist's game, anyhow. What about the other aspects of science?

How about the aeroplane and the car, both of which women have learned to drive?

How about the Air Raid Precautions, with the lectures on chemical warfare and the power of explosives?

What is the reaction of women to these?

I have a friend who is a remarkably good air pilot. She casually flies about Europe and Africa, feels at home, and is perfectly happy in the air. I asked her how on earth she dealt with the engine when it went wrong.

She said she never looked at it if she could help it. "I hate to think I'm at the mercy of all those odds and ends jiggling about."

The man who taught her to fly told me she was fine in the air, because she was an excellent rider, and had good hands with a horse; but she knew no more than Adam what made the propellers go round.

There are plenty of women flyers like this: plucky, sensitive to the feel of the plane, able to endure. But we women are not employed as test pilots, nor do we invent new aerobatic stunts. We have the heart, but not the imagination.

It takes a special sort of imagination to get the best out of a machine, and this is labelled Men Only.

Consider the woman who is afraid of anything remotely mechanical.

I have watched a woman turn on a gas fire, retreat a yard or two, and throw lighted matches at it like darts. "I hate being near the pop!" was her explanation.

Will Never Learn

A DOCTOR lamented to me: "Those people the Bible speaks of who knew not their right hand from their left must have been women. Ninety-nine per cent. of all screws, from the cap of the oxygen cylinder to the cap of a bottle, turn clockwise to tighten and anti-clockwise to loosen. But can I get any nurse to grasp that? They still proceed, each time, by trial and error."

Finally, take the authentic story of an Air Raid Precautions lecture in a village hall. Gas was the theme: how to minimise the effects of gas; how to render first aid to the gassed; how to know when gas was about.

At the end of half an hour a woman rose and said, amid applause: "All very well, but this won't come our way; we cook with oil round here."

"No, we women haven't got the mechanical or scientific mind. We don't understand machinery, or chemistry. And it seems to be no use pretending we do."

"He Said There Was One Awkward Question—That Of Colonies"

COMMONS HUSHED AS PREMIER TELLS OF DESPERATE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Brilliant Speech that Moved World

LONDON, SEPT. 28. IN ONE OF THE MOST STIRRING AND DRAMATIC SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS SINCE SIR EDWARD GREY'S FAMOUS DECLARATION ON AUGUST 3, 1914, MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN REVEALED LAST NIGHT THAT HERR HITLER HAD AGREED TO POSTPONE MOBILISATION OF THE GERMAN ARMY FOR 24 HOURS WHILE A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE, CONSISTING OF GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, ITALY AND GERMANY, WAS HELD AT MUNICH.

The announcement was greeted by unimaginable relief. Danger is not yet past, but it is believed that the British Prime Minister will be able to exhort Herr Hitler not to give the final word for Mobilisation, which would undoubtedly plunge Europe into war.

The Conference commences at Munich immediately. Loud cheers greeted Mr. Chamberlain when he rose to start his historic speech.

"We are faced to-day with a situation without parallel since 1914," he said. "The agreed revision of the League Covenant might have avoided this crisis. All members of the League must bear the responsibilities of that omission."

"The position in July was a deadlock in the Sudeten-Czech negotiations and fears were entertained that Germany might intervene."

"By the middle of August the gap between Henlein's Karlsbad speech and the Czech Government's proposals was too wide for negotiation. Henlein took a message from Lord Runciman to Hitler on September 2 hoping the Chancellor would support the

continuance of negotiations. Henlein did not communicate his reply to Lord Runciman but returned convinced of Hitler's desire for a peaceful solution."

"In the meantime developments in Germany itself were causing considerable anxiety to the British Government. Early in August we received reports of military preparations in Germany on an extensive scale."

GERMANY WARNED

"The British Ambassador to Berlin was instructed to point out these abnormal measures which could only be interpreted abroad as a threatening gesture towards Czechoslovakia, who might be compelled to take precautionary measures and thus the chance of successful Runciman mediation might be destroyed."

"Herr von Ribbentrop replied, refusing to discuss the military measures and expressing the opinion that the British efforts in Prague had served only to increase the Czech intransigence."

"In consequence of information about the movement of several German divisions France at the end of August took precautionary measures by summoning reserves and manning the Maginot line. On August 31, Sir Neville Henderson gave the State Secretary at the Wilhelmstrasse a strong personal warning regarding the possible attitude of Britain in the event of German aggression in Czechoslovakia, particularly if France were compelled to intervene."

CONSIDERED REFUSE

Referring to the events of September 1, when Sir Neville Henderson saw Herr von Ribbentrop and repeated the urgent warning he had given the State Secretary on the previous day, Mr. Chamberlain said that the Government desired to impress the seriousness of the situation on the German Government without formal representations, which the German Government might interpret as a public refusal in the case of our representations of May 25.

"The British Minister in Prague emphasised that it was vital in the interests of Czechoslovakia to afford immediately without reservations those conditions without which the Sudeten question could not be considered settled."

"Subsequently Sir Neville Henderson expressed on the leading German personalities at Nuremberg the attitude of the British Government. No personal representations were made to Herr Hitler as such action might have had the contrary effect to what was intended."

"When I returned from Berchtesgaden Lord Runciman expressed the view that in consequence of the recent developments the Sudetens should be given the right to self-determination immediately, while the integrity of Czechoslovakia could only be maintained if the internal and external policy was directed at enabling her to live at peace with all her neighbours."

FINDING THE SOLUTION

"After consultations with Mr. Daladier and Mr. Bonnet I was guided in my desire to find a solution which would not bring about a European war."

"The Czech Government was immediately urged to agree to a transfer to the Reich of all areas containing over 50 per cent. Sudeten inhabitants."



MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN

Constant Efforts To Halt German March

negotiations between Czechoslovakia and the Sudetens, the Premier said that the British Government was faced with three alternatives: threaten to go to war with Germany if she attacked the Czechs; stand aside and allow matters to take their course; or finally attempt to find a peaceful solution.

"The first course we rejected, for we have no treaty liabilities with Czechoslovakia and have always refused to accept such liabilities. The second course was also repugnant, and we addressed ourselves to the task of mediation."

Mr. Chamberlain paid a tribute to Lord Runciman whose long and exhausting efforts gained the esteem of both sides. (Cheers.)

"Lord Runciman's efforts were directed with a considerable degree of success towards bringing the Sudetens and the Czechs into negotiations," he declared. "On July 29 Lord Halifax wrote a personal letter to Herr von Ribbentrop, expressing regret at the latter's statement to Sir Neville Henderson that Germany must reserve its attitude towards Lord Runciman's mission as a matter of purely British concern."

"Lord Halifax had expressed a hope that Germany would collaborate in a peaceful solution of the Sudeten question and afterwards to establishing relations between Britain and Germany on a basis of mutual confidence and collaboration."

"During my visit to Godesberg, when the German people gave me a warm welcome demonstrating their desire for peace," explained Mr. Chamberlain, "I explained to Herr Hitler the Anglo-French proposals relating to the transfer of territory and the final delimitation of the frontier. Herr Hitler declined to conclude a pact of non-aggression with Czechoslovakia while other minorities there were still unsatisfied."

TOO DILATORY

He also refused to accept my other proposals as too dilatory, and gave me his Memorandum. "For the first time I found that it contained a time limit and I spoke very frankly of the risks attendant upon such terms."

"I declared that the language and manner of the document was that of an ultimatum, and bitterly reproached the Chancellor for his failure to respond to my efforts for peace."

"Dealing with the final meeting at Godesberg, Mr. Chamberlain said that he had a few words with the Chancellor which he did not think were without importance."

"Herr Hitler repeated with great earnestness that this was his last territorial ambition in Europe and he again earnestly said that he wanted to be friends with England and if only the Sudeten question could be got out of the way peacefully he would resume negotiations."

QUESTION OF COLONIES

"He said there is one awkward question—the matter of colonies—but that is not a matter for war."

When Mr. Chamberlain referred to Herr Hitler's reference to "one awkward question the matter of colonies" there was some laughter in the House.

Mr. Chamberlain rebuked the interrupters and said severely, "I

Q. Mary Weeps As Drama Unfolds

LONDON, Sept. 28. QUEEN MARY was present in the Speaker's Gallery during the Prime Minister's speech and as she left immediately after the statement had concluded she was in tears.

The Duke of Kent, occupying the seat over the clock traditionally reserved for the Prince of Wales, also listened to the speech.

An air of resigned apprehension dominated the Chamber even when Mr. Chamberlain suddenly announced that Herr Hitler had agreed to postpone Mobilisation for a further 24 hours, but when the Prime Minister added that "Herr Hitler has invited me to meet him at Munich to-morrow" a terrible change came over the House.

The members seemed to be rubbing their eyes as though awakening from a nightmare and then followed the biggest round of cheers of the day.

The announcement that invitations had also been sent to Signor Mussolini and Mr. Daladier produced a climax such as has not been seen in the House of Commons for many a long day.

Everyone awoke gradually to the full realisation that Mr. Chamberlain had performed yet another service for peace and every member in the House and every stranger in the gallery rose to his feet at a bound and wildly cheered, waved their arms, clapped and shouted.

PREMIER MOVED

The Prime Minister stood with his head erect and the muscles of his face twitching.

Then he lowered his head, and for a moment stood unsteadily as the cheering carried on.

As the ovation subsided all the weight of the events of the past week seemed to have suddenly descended on the Prime Minister's forehead.

He controlled himself with the greatest effort, but his ringing voice had gone and as he continued he might have been asking a religious assembly to offer prayer and in scarcely audible tones he concluded:

"I hope that the House will be prepared to release me now to see what I can make of this last effort."

Quickly the Prime Minister resumed his seat and both he and Sir John Simon, who had sat beside the Premier throughout the speech, had moist eyes as they spoke a few words to one another.—Reuter.

Mussolini to Hitler to postpone action after Mussolini had received my message.

"Hitler has agreed to postpone mobilisation for 24 hours."

HOUSE CHEERS WILDLY

Everyone in the House rose and cheered wildly as Mr. Chamberlain made this announcement.

The Prime Minister was visibly affected by the demonstration. Throughout the speech, which was concluded at 4.21 p.m., he had spoken in strong and sometimes ringing tones. His voice was low and controlled as he now declared that no member of the House will fail to feel his heart leap as he heard that the crisis has been once more postponed.

"I hope that the House is prepared once more to release me now to go and see what I can make on this last effort."—Reuter.

Opposition Support

"Whatever views we may have had about Signor Mussolini in the past everyone will welcome his latest gesture," declared the Premier referring to his appeal to the Italian Dictator to take a hand in European affairs. The declaration was cheered in the House.

Mr. Clement Attlee made a brief speech in the House welcoming the Premier's statement.

"I am sure that the House is desirous of neglecting no chance of preserving peace without sacrificing principles, and will wish to give the Prime Minister every opportunity following this new move."—Reuter.

45,000 TON COAL ORDER

Continuity of employment was assured hundreds of British miners recently when the Norwegian State Railways ordered 45,000 tons of steam coal from the Newcastle Coal Exchange for delivery between October 1st and December 31st. The company, which has been in the coal business for 10,000 years, has been in the coal business for 10,000 years.

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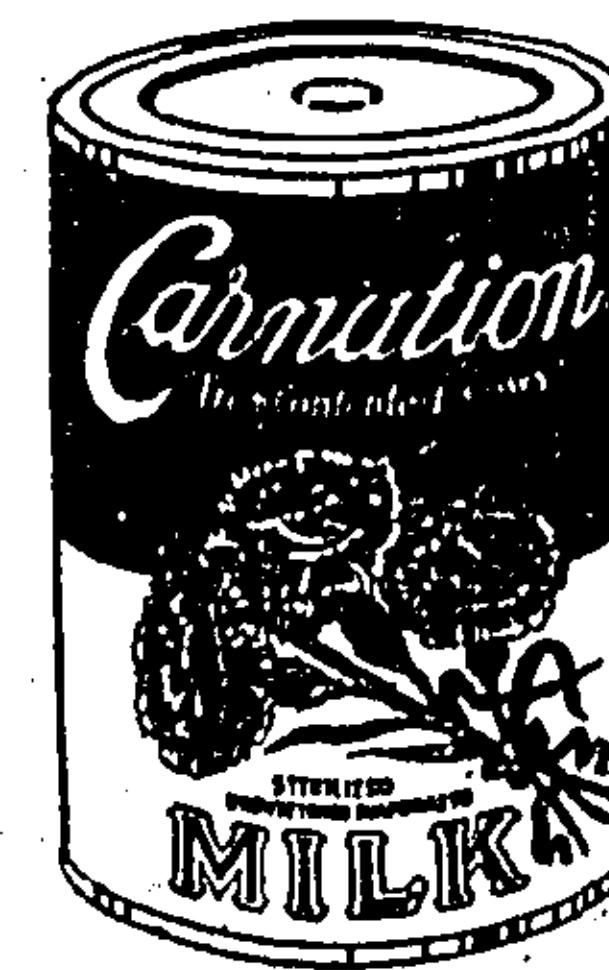
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As I See Sport

By "Abe"

BRADBURY EARNS REWARD FOR HIS GREAT KEENNESS

Worthy Holder Of Bowls Singles Championship

Enthusiasm for the game and arduous practice count for anything, then it would be difficult to find a more worthy bowls champion of the Colony than B. W. Bradbury, of the Craigenpower C.C., who defeated J. A. da Luz, of the Club de Recreio, by 21-15 in the final on Tuesday to win the title. Long regarded as one of the keenest bowls players in the Colony, he spends several evenings a week during the summer on the bowls green at the Craigenpower C.C., but in spite of the great amount of practice he puts in every season, he had never, until this year, won the Colony title although he has won other bowls honours. The nearest he got to winning the championship was in 1935 when, after beating Dick Alves in the semi-finals, he was expected to beat Bob Duncan, but he lost after a good fight. He has been very consistent in this competition for many years; for apart from entering the final he has been in the semi-finals on several occasions. And besides having represented Hongkong on many occasions in Interport matches against Shanghai, Bradbury skipped a Hongkong rink which won at Wandstand in 1932. He has again been chosen for the 1938 Hongkong team, and will skip the first rink at Kowloon Docks. Though he has never skipped before in an Interport contest, his record in the series is so good that it can almost be taken for granted that he will do well; if memory serves me rightly, he has never played in a losing rink yet. Fortunately enough, he has played in every Interport match in U. M. Omar's rink.

Australians Leave

NOT quite with the same pomp as they arrived in the country, the Australian cricket tourists left England last week-end for home after several months of cricket in the Old Country. The team, led by Don Bradman, managed to retain the "Ashes" for Australia in spite of the fact that in the two games which reached a decision, each side claimed one. Apart from the defeat in the historic Fifth Test at the Oval, the tourists were beaten once by Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI by ten wickets. This was the first defeat of a visiting Australian team in England in 17 years apart from Test matches. In fairness to the tourists, it should be stated that this defeat was inflicted on them towards the end of the tour when Bradman was injured and when several of their best men had been laid low by one thing or another. It was also unfortunate that the tourists employed tactics in one of the concluding matches which provoked a great deal of criticism. Playing against an England Eleven at Folkestone at the beginning of this month, the Australians were alleged to have given an "exhibition of pottering to which spectators objected." The position, it seemed, called for speedy runs and a sporting declaration, but instead the tourists gave two hours of boring batting. Both The Times and the Daily Mail wrote strongly

about it. It was extremely unfortunate that the tour should conclude on such a note.

Visitors' Record

The following is the full record of the visitors' tour:

Australia, 541, Worcester, 208, and 196.—Won.

Australia, 697 for seven; Oxford, 117 and 75.—Won.

Australia, 590 for five; Leicester, 212 and 215.—Won.

Australia, 700 for five; Cambridge, 120 and 103.—Won.

Australia, 502; M.C.C., 214. Rain stopped play.—Drawn.

Australia, 406 for six. Northants, 104 and 135.—Won.

Australia, 523 and 232 for two; Surrey 271 and 104 for one.—Drawn.

Australia, 320 for one declared; Hampshire, 157.—Drawn.

Australia, 108 and 21 for none.—Drawn.

Australia, 168 and 25 for none; Gloucester, 78 and 107.—Won.

Australia, 145 and 153; Essex, 114 and 87.—Won.

Australia, 397 and 335 for four; Gentlemen, 301 and 149.—Won.

Australia, 411 and 427 for 0; England, 658.—Drawn.

Australia, 303 and 284 for 4; Lancashire, 289 and 80 for three.—Drawn.

Australia, 422 and 204 for six; England 404 and 242 for eight.—Drawn.

Australia, 222 and 132; Yorkshire, 205 and 80 for 3.—Drawn.

Australia, 441 for 4; Derbyshire, 151 and 56.—Drawn.

Australia, 390 for eight; Warwick, 179 and 118.—Won.

Australia, 243 and 453 for four; Notts, 147 and 137.—Won.

Australia, 404 for six; Somerset, 110 and 136.—Won.

Australia, 61 for three; Glamorgan, 149 for five.—Drawn.

Australia, 243 and 320; Scotland, 88 and 138 for eight.—Drawn.

Australia, 380 for five; Durham, 105 and 96.—Won.

Australia, 143, Scotland, 82.—Drawn.

Australia, 207; Surrey 103 for 7.—Drawn.

Australia, 479 and 7 for 0; Kent 108 and 27.—Won by 10 wickets.

Australia, 209; Army 113 and 110.—Won by innings and 67 runs.

Australia, 201 and 123; England 803 for 7 decd.—Lost by innings and 579 runs.

Australia, 300; Sussex 453 and 53 for 2.—Drawn.

Australia, 174 and 58 for 0; England XI 132 and 99.—Won by 10 wickets.

Australia, 390 and 327; Sir Pelham Warner's XI 223 and 38 for 0.—Drawn.

Australia, 306 and 102; Mr. H. D. G. Leveson Gower's XI 303 for 8 decd. and 46 for 0.—Lost by wickets.

Australia, 149; Gentlemen of Ireland 84.—Won by 61 runs.

Scotland's Discovery

MOST sensational Scottish soccer discovery this season is Alex



PUTTING THE TAPE ON IT.—An incident on Tuesday in the Lawn Bowls singles final match between B. W. Bradbury and J. A. da Luz played at the Kowloon B.G.C. Here Bradbury is seen helping Mr. A. Hyde-Lay to measure while Luz looks on.—Staff Photographer.

Saturday's Football In England

London, Sept. 28. The Secretary of the English Football League states that Saturday's soccer will be played as scheduled unless a state of emergency is declared in the country.—Reuter.

NOTED GOLFER PASSED THROUGH THE COLONY

Larry Montes On Way To Japan

Arriving on the Empress of Asia from Manila yesterday was Larry Montes, the Philippines' outstanding golfer, who is on his way to compete in the Japan open and Japan professional golf championships, which are scheduled to take place next month.

Montes, who will be the Philippines' representative in a competition that will include competitors from Australia, Hawaii and Japan, is being sent to the Japanese tournaments by the Alheli Supply Co. Inc., by whom he is employed.

The Japan Open will take place on October 11, 12 and 13 and the Japan pro tournament will take place two or three days thereafter. The tournament will be held at the Fujisawa Country Club, just out of Yokohama. Montes expects to return to Manila by November 8 to prepare for the Philippine Open, which is scheduled to be played at Wack Wack in January.

Competing in the Japan tournaments will not be new for Montes. He was Japanese Open champion in 1933 and 1934 when he was in Japan employed as a professional at the Kasumigasaki Country Club, in Tokyo.

Rennie, the boy who almost stepped out of a juvenile team straight into the million-dollar Heart of Midlothian front rank as a centre forward, and delighted the Edinburgh crowd by scoring two goals and making a third for Tommy Walker in his first game. Scotland has found its own Bastin. Rennie was a trawler-hand at Newhaven, but his brother was drowned last year, and he sees football as a way out of a profession that means only hard work and danger. He's a cautious lad, though. Next month he is going to sit for his mate's ticket, just in case.

HOME SOCCER PROSPECTS

No. 16—New Blood For Aldershot

Great hopes are entertained by Aldershot, whose forward line will be strengthened by the introduction of new blood, and Manager Bill McCrae thinks he has just the right blend of youth and experience.

Fourteen of last season's players have been retained, and there are 13 newcomers. They are: A. F. Grant, goalkeeper, from Bury; J. C. Horton, back (Huddersfield); R. Eastwood, back (Aldershot); W. H. Gowdy, half-back (Aldershot); W. Wainwright, half-back (Mansfield); G. Raynor, outside-right (Bury); J. Ruffell, outside-left (West Ham); D. Turner, outside-left (Sheffield United); L. Williams, outside-right (Charlton); W. Chalmers, inside-right (Notts County); G. D. Egan, inside-right (Notts County); and J. Gray, inside forward (Jarrow).

Much is expected of Chalmers, Raynor and Ruffell, who are almost certain to get places in the first team.

Aldershot's defence, of which Sheppard and Williams were the mainstay, did remarkably well last season, only 14 goals being conceded in home games.

There has been a record demand for season tickets, and there is every prospect of increased support.

PLAYERS AVAILABLE

Goalkeepers			
	Height	Weight	
G. Greaves	5 7	10 6	
A. F. Grant	5 8	11 4	
Full-Backs			
H. H. Sheppard	5 10	11 6	
L. Kelly	5 9	12 0	
J. C. Horton	5 10	11 2	
R. Eastwood	5 9	11 0	
Half-Backs			
G. C. Summerbee	5 6	12 0	
H. Robson	5 10	12 0	
W. H. Burnicle	5 10	12 0	
D. Pieper	5 10	11 8	
J. Egan	5 10	11 0	
W. H. Dixon	5 9	10 8	
W. H. Gowdy	5 10	10 7	
W. Wainwright	5 11	10 7	
Forwards			
J. Proud	5 4	10 6	
F. Simpson	5 5	10 10	
H. Egan	5 10	11 8	
W. Wilson	5 9	11 0	
G. Court	5 10	11 2	
G. Raynor	5 10	11 3	
J. Ruffell	5 10	11 4	
D. Turner	5 10	11 4	

Cross-Harbour Race To Be Held To-day

Officials of the Victoria Recreation Club are continuing with their plans for the annual cross-harbour swimming race, it was learned this morning.

The event will be held this afternoon, commencing from Kowloon side at 5.15 p.m.

RUGBY MATCHES AT HOME

London, Sept. 28. The Jubilee rugby match between Bristol and R. F. Oakes and W. T. Pearce's International XV, played to-day, resulted in a win for the latter team by 16-3.

In a Rugby Union match, Bridgend defeated Cardiff by three points to nil.—Reuter.

NO. 17—WALSALL'S BIG CAPTURES

Judged by the careful team building which has proceeded in recent months, Walsall do not intend having a repeat performance of last season's sorry exhibition, which resulted in an application having to be made for retention of League status. Six new men of experience have been secured and they should go a long way towards strengthening the weak spots, particularly in attack.

Chief among the big captures is Bambrick, the Irish international centre-forward from Chelsea. Eutry, formerly of the Wolves and later of Bury and Bradford City, is likely to occupy the inside-left berth, and for the extreme right position Davies, of Chesterfield, has been secured.

The defence will undoubtedly be stronger than for some seasons. Beeson, from Villa, and Male (West Bromwich Albion) should form a powerful alliance at back. Sixteen of last season's players have been retained.

Prospects generally are considerably brighter and a much better season is anticipated. Players available:

Goalkeepers: Tewkesbury and Williams.

Backs: Beeson (Villa), Male (West Bromwich Albion), Harper.

Half-Backs: Godfrey (Cardiff City), Morgan, Simpson, Askew, Bradford, Smith, Payne.

Forwards: Bambrick (Chelsea), Buttery (Bradford City), Davies (Chesterfield), Bensley, Bate, Brown, Bulger, Gandy, Redwood, Evans.

FIFTH MATCH WAS FITTING CLIMAX TO TEST SERIES

Great Future Predicted For Leonard Hutton

By Elton Edg

London.

Hutton's memorable achievement and England's fantastic score at the Oval form a fitting climax to the Test matches which have been played between England and Australia this summer. Certain sections of the Press may prefer to sneer, but in a few years time 1938 will be regarded as *annus mirabilis*, and many of us will recall the great batting feats performed on both sides.

Hutton must come first. In addition to his record innings of 304, which rode Bradman, for the time being, of the highest score in the history of Test match cricket, he scored a century in his first Test match innings against Australia; and his average of 116.25 outshines even Bradman's. Hutton has laid the foundations of a great career well and truly; we may see him rise, if he has a head for heights, to a dizzy eminence.

Paynter, with 216 not out at Trent Bridge, and 99 at Lord's, has deserved well of his country, while Hammond can recall an innings of majestic greatness at Lord's; nor should Leyland's 187 in this last match be forgotten.

HIS LONG SUIT

On Australia's side W. A. Brown, added and abetted by our fast bowlers, who consistently led up to his long suit, scored 206 not out, not to mention 133 at Nottingham, and 69 in the game just finished. He showed the true Australian patience and fortitude. McCabe, at Trent Bridge, slaughtered our bowlers for the most brilliant double century in the rich history of Test Match cricket.

O'Reilly and Fleetwood-Smith spun England to the brink of destruction at Leeds, though it remained for Hassett, when the teams were grappling like Sherlock Holmes and Professor Moriarty on the edge of the abyss, to give us the final push to perdition.

But, when all is said and done, one must come back to Don Bradman. He saved his side at Nottingham and again at Lord's; his century at Leeds in an atmosphere reminiscent, as Sherlock Holmes would have said, of Gower Street Underground Station in the eighties, alone made an Australian victory a possibility; and at the Oval he covered himself with glory by his joyous keenness and his inspiring example in the field, as well as by his skilful captaincy.

I can see Bradman again at Lord's sprinting to grab a skimming off-drive of Wright's, one-handed, and as the ball wriggled out of his clutches, once, twice, thrice, as though it were endowed with flesh-like propensities, laughing all over his boyish face at his own splendid failure.

A GREAT CAPTAIN

Again, at the Oval, when white took the field as substitute for Fingleton, Bradman withdrew discreetly, only to fall upon his suddenly from the rear, seize him by his large neck—he had to stretch to do this—and run him towards his place in the field. That touch of good-natured horseplay put White at home immediately, and warmed our hearts to Australia's great captain no less than his spontaneous congratulations to Hutton at taking from him one proud record.

There is a verse in John Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln" which might have been written about Bradman, for it fits him like a glove:—

"When the high heart we magnify,
And the true vision celebrates,
And worship greatness passing by,

Leonard Hutton Sets Up Many Records

Hutton's great innings of 364 in the Fifth Cricket Test against the Australians at the Oval last month set up the following records:

- It is the highest innings in Test Cricket;
- It is the highest innings by a Yorkshireman;
- It is the longest innings in first-class cricket—13 hours, 20 minutes;
- For the first time an opening batsman has batted for 2½ days;
- Hutton is the only batsman who has shared partnerships of over 300 and 200 in the same innings of a Test match;
- He is the youngest English cricketer to score an innings of 300 runs;
- It is the highest innings by a professional batsman.

Ourselves are great." Little wonder that the Australians stuck to their heartbreaking task in the field at the Oval with a tenacity almost beyond praise.

Those who said, in and out of season, that England were the better side certainly have the last laugh (and the selectors have come almost unscathed out of their ordeal as Aunt Sallyes). If one points out that winning the toss once or twice might have made all the difference to Australia, the retort that we had Ames, Bowes, Hutton, Leyland and Goddard out of vital matches through injury cannot be countered by any comparable story of Australian misfortune. Bradman's team should have included Grimmett (for possibly his last appearance) and a reserve fast or fast-medium bowler.

ONE CRITICISM

One fair criticism of these Test matches remains—namely, that winning the toss is an advantage too great to be left to chance. If, in addition, the colossal scores made in the last ten years are recalled, it will be seen that what is needed is a fair balance between batsman and bowler from the beginning of the match. Possibly a ball could be devised which would bite and turn on the smoothest and hardest of wickets; alternatively, the compulsory use of a certain amount of sand in the top-dressing might bring about the desired result.

If the tendency towards larger and larger scores is not somehow checked the Test matches may in the end be killed by a surfeit of run-getting.

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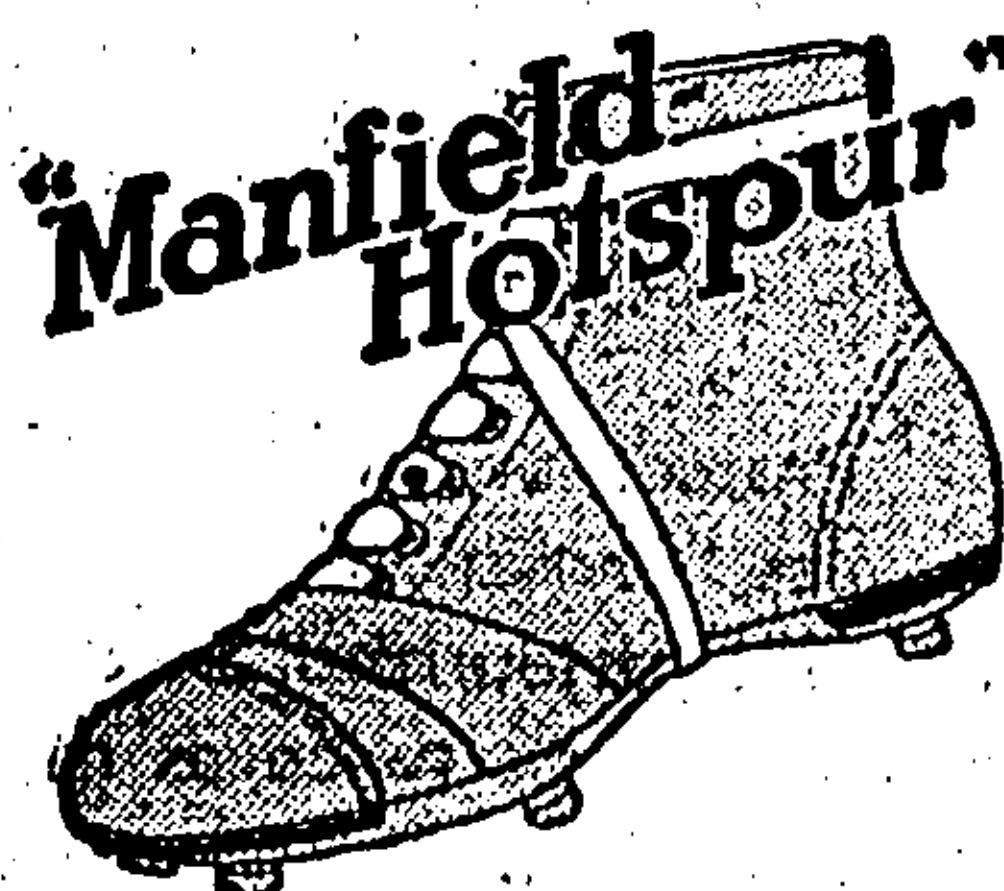
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Hongkong Hockey Team Scores Another Win

Singapore, Sept. 23.
Beating the R.E. by two goals to nil in a hockey match played at Changi yesterday, the visiting Hongkong Garrison hockey team maintained an unbeaten record in Singapore.
Having played three games so far, they have won two and drawn the other.

Displaying fine combination, a speedy forward line and a capable defence, the winners got the better of an evenly contested game.
Good slickwork was another feature of the winning team's play. The Royal Engineers played a good game, putting up a strong defence against a fine forward line.
First goal was scored when the

COOLIE BITTEN BY DOG

Bitton on the leg by a dog owned by L. Farmer yesterday, a delivery coolie, Kwong Ming, 17, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.
The dog was sent to Matalukok for observation.

was well-saved by the Hongkong goalkeeper.

The second and only other goal in the game came after 15 minutes of play, when Hook swung the ball into the Sappers' goal off a pass from Hitchcock, culminating a clever right wing movement.

Messrs. G. Douglas and L. Martin refereed. Teams:— Hongkong Garrison: Dobson, Stuckley, Degnan, Witten, Land, Austin, Smith, Beadnell, Hitchcock, Hook, Hamwell. R.E.: Gardner, Dudley, Warran, Adams, Webb, Vinycomb, Walsh, Hawkins, Plumer, Templeman, Cheesworth.



Love has to fight for its life in a land left prostrate by four years of a brothers' war in "The Texans" which stars Randolph Scott and Joan Bennett in a panoramic drama of the Reconstruction South. The epic of the Lone Star State opens to-day simultaneously at Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

Chicago Cubs Overtake The Pirates

Latest Results In U.S. Baseball

New York, Sept. 28.
The Chicago Cubs passed the Pittsburgh Pirates in the National Baseball League to-day. The two teams met to-day, the Cubs beating the Pirates by 6-5.

Results of matches played to-day were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	R.	H.	E.	
Philadelphia	1	5	0	
Boston	3	7	0	
Pittsburgh	5	10	4	
Chicago	6	12	0	

(Rizzo homered for the Pirates and Hartnett for the Cubs).

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	R.	H.	E.	
Washington	4	7	1	
New York	1	5	3	

Boston..... 2 6 1
Philadelphia..... 1 6 0
(Hayes homered for the Athletics).

Chicago..... 14 18 0
Cleveland..... 11 10 3
(Connors homered for the White Sox and Heath and Kroner for the Indians).

St. Louis..... 0 8 0
Detroit..... 12 11 0
(Tobbetts homered for the Tigers and Gill pitched).—Reuter.

Stock Markets Make Great Recovery

London, Sept. 28.
"It's all right this time," This spontaneous remark by Mr. Chamberlain to the cheering crowds who gathered round his home on his return from the House of Parliament epitomised the all-pervading feeling of relief.

The scenes in the City were reminiscent of the boom times. Share prices soared in all sections in street markets.

Kaffirs were most prominent, while on the Rubber Exchange, the Committee of which quickly decided to extend trading until 5.30 p.m., values jumped in very heavy trading. The immediate jump in this market was up to a penny above the fixed minimum at which they have been ruling since noon.

At the same time sugar slumped up to threepence below the high levels attained when the crisis was at its peak.

In the Liverpool grain market prices nose-dived on a burst of selling, closely followed by wheat futures quotation in London.

Appreciation of sterling developed equally suddenly and dollars fell on New York selling, followed by London offering from 4.62 to 4.71 before the Exchange Control Fund arrested the plunge by supporting dollars at 4.70.

The change for the better occurred somewhat late and the bullion market was little affected, but contrary to the experience of the last few days some buyers put in an appearance with prices ranging between 149 shillings and 147 shillings.—Reuter.

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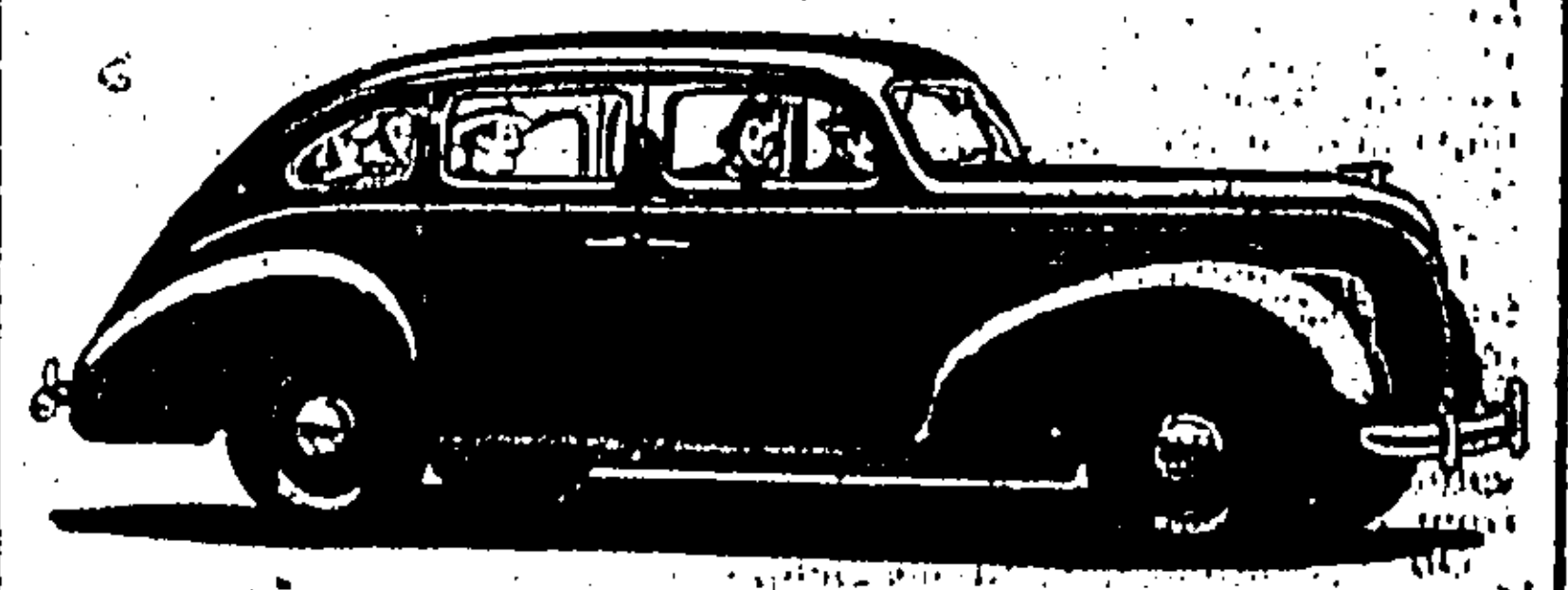
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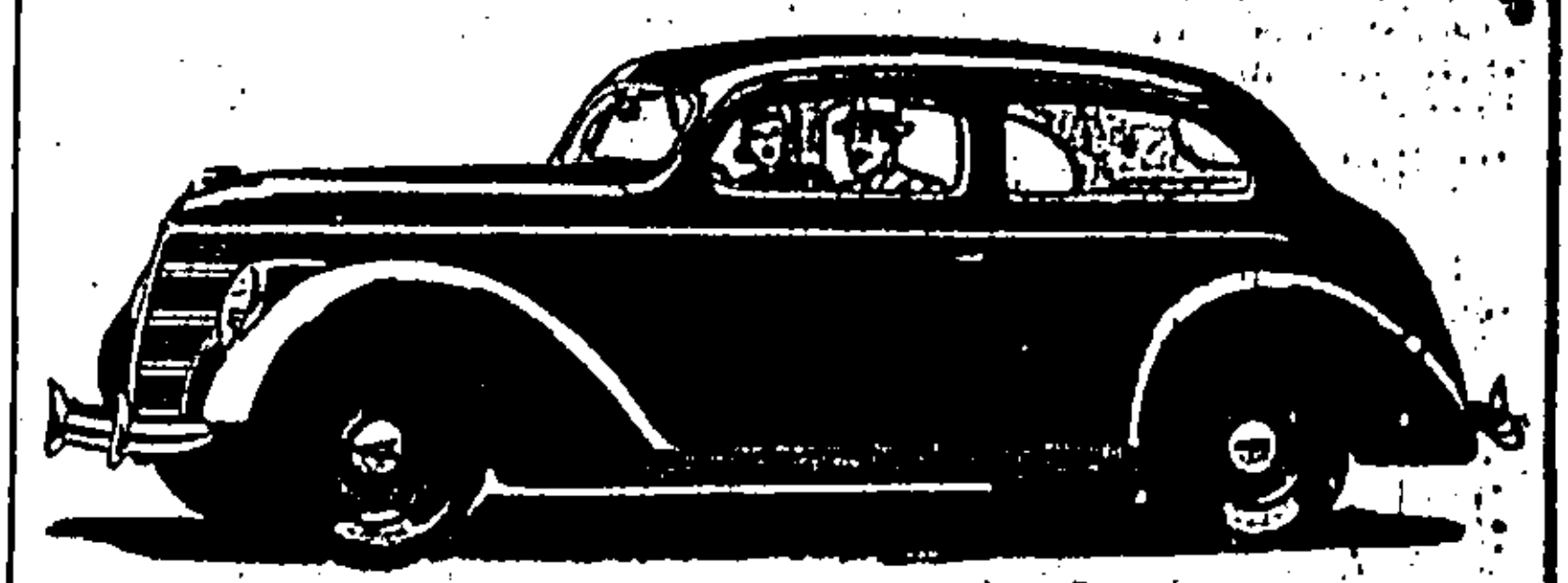
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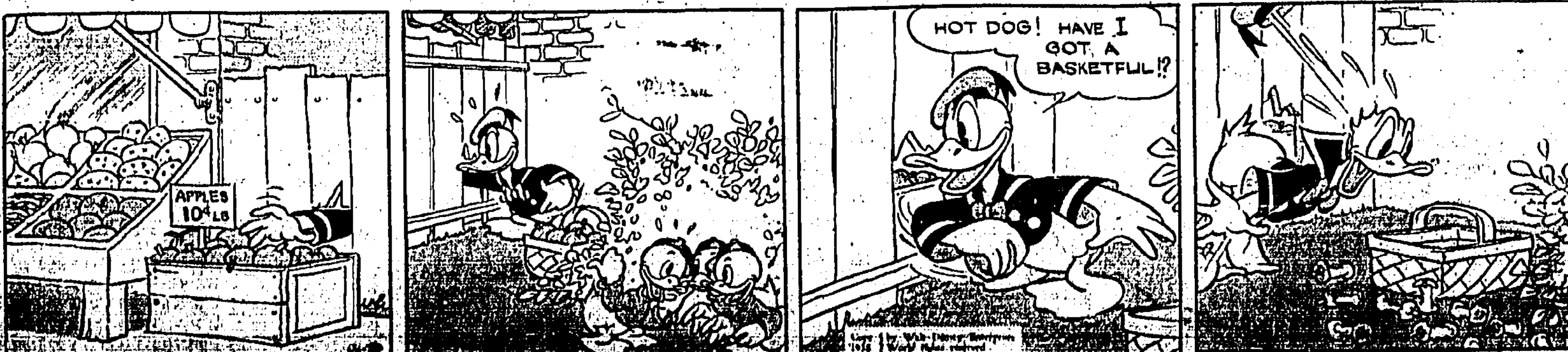
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WHEN THE NAVY HAD TO 'COAL SHIP'

Competitive Strategy of Rival Crews which Lightened a Laborious Day

By Capt. LIONEL DAWSON (R.N. Retd.)

Coal-firing in the ships of the British Navy has been generally superseded by oil-firing—a development which is regarded as unwise and unnecessary in some responsible quarters.

This article, in reminiscent vein, describes what the process of "coal-shiping" meant in the routine of the Fleet in times past. To-day conditions have changed and with modern improvements both in coaling and in firing coal-burning ships the discomfort and heavy labour of the old days has been largely eliminated.

COAL-SHIPING. EARLY lower deck. Officers call "3 G's." Such was the executive command at the dawn of a coaling day when the Royal Navy burned coal for fuel in its furnaces.

This had been preceded, when the hands turned out, by: "Hands clean into coaling rig"—a contradiction in terms, since coaling rig was composed of the oldest and generally the dirtiest clothes available. The R.N. sailor, however, to this day "cleans into" any rig—from the "Number Ones" of ceremony to football kit.

SHIP'S REPUTATIONS MADE OR LOST

On an average these two commands were followed by 10 to 12 hours of fifth and drudgery in which, if it was a keen ship, every officer and man took a part. Even the chaplain would be seen disguised as a coal heaver and wielding a shovel or pushing a barrow. Though almost no labour was provided at such places as Gibraltar or Malta, there was yet work for all.

I suppose that neither officer nor man can be said actually to regret the passing of coal. Certainly to the stoker, whose normal occupation it was to shovel this fuel into the furnaces, its supersession by oil cannot have brought no regrets. Nowadays an "oil ship" hardly causes a break in routine, and certainly no excitement unless, perchance, it pipe bursts.

There was plenty of excitement, however, with coal. Coaling ship was regarded in the last decade before the war as perhaps the most important of all competitive revolutions, and ships made or lost their reputations thereby.

In the stakeholder, on a full speed trial, most of success or failure depended upon the "feeding" of the furnaces, which was done by manual labour and the stokers were reinforced by volunteers, both officers and men, from the upper deck.

Oil has no such latent possibilities for communal enthusiasm, nor can the turning of a valve or the firing of a boiler be so much a matter of individual stoker or ship.

My earliest personal experience of coaling ship goes back to the time of the "Century" when I found myself, at the age of 15, with the rank of sea-going naval cadet (which no longer exists) engaged with an Irish stoker in trimming coal in a cross-bunker of H.M.S. *Majestic*, then the flagship of the Channel Fleet.

WHEN A HORSE MADE THE RUNNING

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stoker, who suggested that trimming coal was preferable to shovelling or pushing it in barrows. Since I found it was necessary to lie full length on my stomach to accomplish that trimming job I recollect agreeing at first with my mentor that service in the Royal Irish Constabulary was to be preferred to that in which we considered we had too rashly embarked.

It was a first experience of what was always to me, as I am sure it was to everyone else who had the honesty to say so, a remarkably unpleasant operation.

Not long ago, when walking in London, I was cannoned into by a bulky coalman carrying a sack of coal from a horse-drawn coalcart to deposit it down the bunker of a house—one of those domestic bunkers whose mouths yawn perilously in the footpath. My attention was then attracted to the load still in the cart, a load, in my opinion, too much for one horse (and seems to be regrettably often the case nowadays). Memory then went back to the day when, as a Sub-Lieut. and 1st Lieut. of a River class destroyer, I first performed the evolution of coaling ship in her.

We were lying alongside the jetty of the little port of Granton, near Edinburgh, and were coaling from railway trucks which had to be manually hauled along the jetty. It was a slow process, until—thanks to some intuitive sympathy with those who deal in horses—I managed to persuade a railway carter (who should presumably have been employed on other duty) to lend me his horse to haul my trucks.

There was only one horse available and with its help we were able to "wipe the eyes" of my fellow first lieutenants, who laboured, horseless, in other parts of the harbour, and to earn praise from my gratified commanding officer by completing the job some time before them.

It was a foretaste of many subsequent experiences of sharp practice in the last decade before the war, against cheating had to be laid down in a Fleet which prided itself on emulating a railway carter (who should presumably have been employed on other duty) to lend me his horse to haul my trucks.

GETTING A START OVERNIGHT

No other Navy made such a fetish of "coal shiping" as we did, and I well remember the scorn of the blue jackets at the length of time it took a Russian squadron visiting Portland to get in its coal. Certainly it ran into days, but I do not imagine that it was an "all-hands" job for officers and men in the old Imperial Navy.

Though I presume that, on principle, it would be so now under the Soviets.

Executive officers would go to extraordinary lengths to "get to windward" of their opposite numbers on the general "coal ship" days. Collars would be brought alongside overnight and all the bugs filled in the holds after dark by volunteers (who were never lacking) so that, when the signal to start was made, the ready packed "trial hoists," which were allowed before the operation began, would run to fantastic numbers of bags; beer would be distributed.

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tributed, extra leave promised and various other illegalities practised which eventually led to counter-legislation on the part of authority. Despite the dirt and discomfort, the enthusiasm was really extraordinary, and one who hid anyone in a small ship who did not pull his pound in coaling.

There is the tale of the band and the ingenious Commander. It was during the day—moving round the ship to various strategic positions from which to encourage the workers. This Commander decided that it would be better to employ the extra 20 hands and dispense with music. The band, through the bandmaster, protested that their fingers, attuned to music, might suffer by coaling. There heaving or barrow pushing. "There may be reason in your protest," replied the resourceful officer. "It would, no doubt, be unwise to risk your musical future; so the band will revert to music, which will be distributed fairly in positions where all can hear."

PRACTICE WHICH BORE FRUIT

A delighted ship's company accordingly greeted with enthusiasm the isolated performances of individual members of the orchestra, stationed all over the ship and on the jetty, with orders not to play a musical effort throughout the day. The big drum and the cymbals sounded particularly well as solo items.

It need hardly be said that a little of this went a long way with the musicians, who shortly petitioned to be allowed to take their share in manual labour.

With the coming of war "coal shiping" became, at least during the first few months, almost a routine commonplace and the excitement died. A week at sea, 24 hours in harbour and a full storage of coal to be embarked before any rest could be obtained, knocked all the glamour out of the process. Then it was that the practice of the previous years bore fruit in the automatic speed with which the fuel came in. But the reward was in the rest to be obtained by a fast coaling rather than in the discomfort of a neighbour.

MEMORIES OF THE WAR YEARS

Queer collars with decrepit winches and dubious gear began to appear as the strain upon shipping grew. Here the pre-war experience of divisional lieutenants and engineer officers helped, by strict surveillance, to take some of the strain off the hard-worked executive officer, who might also have stores or ammunition to embark simultaneously.

Coaling had its casualties, as have all major operations in a ship. Whips would part, winches give out at critical moments, and bad weather added to the difficulties of war-time coaling, when no delays could be accepted if they were humbly avoided. When, while, and collars surged and rolled that number of tons was in all states of the sea. All avoids were most of this; but another inducement to team-work and esprit de corps is gone, ousted by modern developments.

The Adventures Of ROBIN HOOD

THE STORY THUS FAR: King, Richard, leaving for the Crusades in 1191, put England under a Regency, entrusting his Saxon-hating brother, Prince John. At a jousting match before the latter, Sir Robin of Locksley, a swashbuckling Saxon, worsts Sir Guy of Gloucestre, a Norman, thus winning the dislike of Lady Marian Fitzwalter, Sir Guy's sweetheart. King Richard is captured abroad and held for ransom and Prince John schemes to take over the throne, for that reason, luring and torturing the Saxon serfs. Robin, by many valorous deeds, flouts Prince John, finally denouncing him as a traitor. Prince John, puts a price on Robin's head and in retaliation Robin sends word to all oppressed Saxons to meet at the Gallows Oak in Sherwood Forest to band together as Merry Men. Robin addresses the vast company of Merry Men and they vow fealty to him. Robin adds a new member to his band in the fat and fighting Friar Tuck. When they hear that Sir Guy, the Lady Marian, the High Sheriff of Nottingham, and a guard of men-at-arms, are coming through the forest with the vast sum of money wrongfully collected from the Saxons—Robin and his men plan merrily to waylay them.

CHAPTER VI

"Hadn't we better put out a flank-party, Sir Guy? You know this Sheriff Keener is coming into the forest and R-obin H-hood and his M-merry M-men have the run of it."

"Afraid of that gallow's-faces, Sheriff?"

"Afraid? Certainly not! But it's a-here that he's a boldest. Don't worry, Sheriff, we've more than enough to take care of him! Outlaws have no stomach to throw themselves against armed troops."

"Are you sure?" asked Marian, uneasily. "I seem to remember—"

"Oh, he jumps out of ambush at small parties. But—"

Sir Guy finished the sentence with a shrug which was meant to suggest that the size of this retinue put it beyond all danger of attack. It was indeed an impressive one—divided into three parts—an advance guard of forty men-at-arms and archers, mounted and on foot; rear guard of ten larger men-at-arms, protecting four rude, horse-drawn wagons containing chests and bales, followed by commissary wagons, cooks and servants. The said section consisted of Sir Guy and Lady Marian, her nurse, Bess—and the nervously important High Sheriff of Nottingham.

The advance was quite out of sight of the middle portion and that was why the Sheriff riding forward, rode back in a state of high excitement—to give Sir Guy the alarming report that it had apparently vanished from the face of the earth.

"Where are they then?" shouted Sir Guy furiously. "Do men disappear in air?"

"Sometimes!" responded a ringing voice from the shelter of the leaves, and when they do it's a devil of a business catching up with them again."

"Who's that?" gasped the Sheriff. "The guard! Quick!" bawled Sir Guy—but as the ten-at-arms started their horses to respond to his call, a swarm of Robin's men drop from trees and out of bushes, knocking them from their mounts and quickly subduing them with staffs and threatening arrows, before the men-at-arms had a chance to get started to fight back.

The horses of Marian, Sir Guy, Bess and the High Sheriff of Nottingham reared and plunged in confusion. They gradually got them under control, however, and Bess moved close to Marian as if to protect her. Robin stood at the edge of the shrubbery watching her with sardonic amusement.

"Welcome to Sherwood, lovely lady!" said Robin, bowing low. Then, curtsy, "Well, Sir Guy—haven't you got me?" Sir Guy glared but did not speak. "Odd, isn't it, my lady, that your brave friend who's so often said he'd give me a warm welcome when we next met, shouldn't even—"

Sir Guy, white with rage, wheeled his horse.

"Are you going, Sir Guy," cried Marian angrily, "without even—"

"Fighting?" Robin broke in grimly. "I'm afraid he has no choice!"

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"Don't bother to mark the way, Sir Guy," said Robin Hood, "it'll take Keener more time to come to find our camp again!"

"You'll hang for this? All of you!" Robin turned to Marian with an ingratiating, if mocking smile.

"Hanging would be a small price to pay for the company of such a charming lady! . . . You are charming, are you not?"

"What can a Saxon hedge-robber know," replied Marian with cool contempt, "of charm . . . or ladies?"

"Me a hedge-robber? Tck-tick!" more about myself! You may have been misinformed . . ."

"But I don't find it interesting enough to bother about . . ."

Sounds of uproarious mirth came from the baggage wagons from which the outlaws were pulling Sir Guy's rich costumes and tossing them to their ragged comrades who donned the finery and paraded in it. The High Sheriff's armour was half off; Sir Guy stood in cold and murderous rage as Little John forced him to take off his apparel. Much danced about like a troll distributing rags to the knights. Friar Tuck, broad-nurse, Bess—and the nervously important High Sheriff of Nottingham, Sheriff with his sword to hurry his disrobing.

Long rough tables had been set in a row the length of the green glade. Two whole steers and several pigs were being turned on spits over fiery pits. Outlaws in stolen finery, ludicrous as the inlaws in rags . . . were beginning to gather about the tables . . . some hungrily snatching morsels of food . . .

In the firelight, somewhat removed from the height of the activities, stood Robin Hood and Maid Marian. She was an unwilling prisoner. Watching the peasants, Robin smiled, forgetful of her for the moment.

"To them," he said softly, "this is a night in heaven. Silks for rags . . . kindness instead of whips . . . unlimited food instead of hunger! Why, they're actually happy!"

"Are they?"

"Aren't you even a little pleased to see them enjoying themselves?"

"I think it's revolting!"

Marian consented reluctantly to take a place by Robin when the great meal was under way. "My friends," he said toward the end of it, in an easy, bantering tone, "I had supposed with you, that Sir Guy was a scurvy fellow. Yet he provides this tasty supper . . ."

As he spoke a train of men carrying heavy chests approached and set them on the table before him. "But is this meal the end of his beneficence? Ah, no! For in this train to-day he's brought us half a score of boxes of jewels, silks, and about 30,000 golden marks, wrested from the Northern shires!"

"You wouldn't dare . . ."

Sir Guy, jumping to his feet. Little John pulled him down with disreputable speed. "You might think that noble host intended this treasure for the coffers of Prince John instead of to ransom the King, and you'd be right! But a change of heart overcame him in the forest . . . and here they are, safe and sound . . ."

The outlaws cheered mightily, Marian looked at him, saying contentedly, "You talk of loyalty! . . . Yes, why not? I suppose you and your breed of cut-throats, she said sardonically, "intend to send this treasure to Richard. You wouldn't dream of keeping it yourselves . . ."

He raised his hand for silence, "Well, my men . . . what do we do with this treasure? Divide it among ourselves? Or . . ."

In a voice of thunder the outlaws replied, "Keep it for Richard . . . It belongs to the King! . . . Send it for his ransom!"

"Convinced?" asked Robin, with a twinkle in his eye. "I may have been . . . hasty . . ."

"But . . ."

"(Continued to-morrow)"

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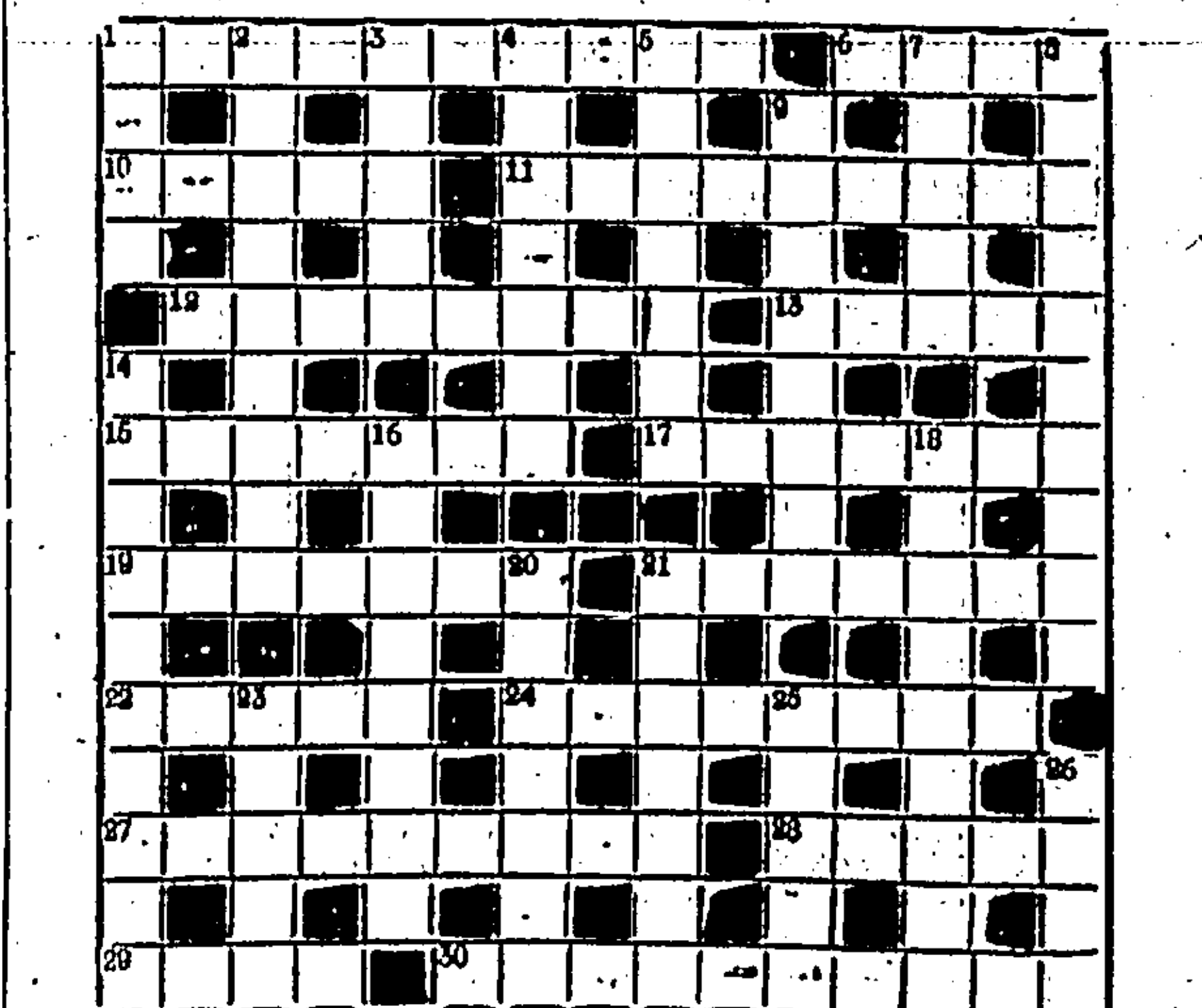
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No Real Friends Among Adults

NEVER in my lifetime has the simple countryman been so strongly championed as he is in book and journal to-day.

I have just put down a book finally and for ever because I encountered the observation:

"I only found my friends among the simple folk." . . . and then follows a description of "horny-headed, simple folk." It is not friendship that makes a man jump into the water to save a person in difficulties, it is another motive altogether.

With children and animals it is different. When they yield you their friendship they do so without any thought of self. Their feelings are so much more acute and sensitive than those of the adult.

I had a letter from a little girl last week in which it would be unthinkable all. I do not believe it could exist for an adult to write. I suggested in to-day's world any more than in the days when we lived in caves.

Friendliness, kindness you will find a day with her. The answer I received was: "I would love you to come, but all true, unselfish friendship you will find I should be thinking of the time not find anywhere except among children and animals."

May Lend You £500

I HAVE travelled more widely than most people, but I have never met a man or woman who would make any real sacrifice for a friend. For a sweetheart, a lover, a husband, certainly, but for a friend, no.

person you may call friend would lend you £5 or £500 according to his means and his affection for you.

You may find shelter in a friend's home or great help and sympathy if you are ill, but can you think of a friend who will give up what is his for your welfare?

With animals the degree of loyalty and self-sacrifice is still greater than with children. Again you may say it is not the same emotion which

—SAYS—

PAT MURPHY

causes friendship in a man and loyalty in an animal. That may be true, but if you call on an animal for help you will get far greater and more unselfish help than you would get from a man.

A Dog Will Do for You

A GOOD horse will go till it drops for you; a dog will die for you, protecting you, or assisting you. Such self-sacrifice would be impossible in a man in ordinary times.

If a man has wife and family or other dependents he could not afford to take so much from them and give to a friend. It might be admirable of him, but it would be accounted wrong. It would be said that he had no right to do such a thing.

Children and animals have not those considerations to hamper the rich gift of their friendship. They can give, with no thought that is not of the moment. Your need is their need, your joy is their joy, no envy or jealousy tinges it in its finest manifestations.

Envy, jealousy, and selfishness are part of the equipment of grown human beings. Without those characteristics I doubt if there would be much material success in the world.

Listen to someone speaking slang or about the friends of a child. Adults, if the scandal is spoken colorfully enough, will listen and judge for themselves. Children will hate the person who speaks the scandal unreasonably. The fact that he speaks against their friends brands him as a bad fellow at once.

Love of Possession

THERE may have been real friendship in the strange history of mankind in its unceasing

also from ignorance to culture and back again; there may have been some period in those constant repulsions—when friendship was possible, but in the ordinary life of the cultured folk—live normal lives and hope for friendship such as children and animals can supply.

The man whom Christ urged to give and to lend to the poor and follow Him "turned away," and men have been turning away from such sacrifices throughout our history.

To possess the friendship of children and animals we grown folk would have, like them, to forgo our love of possession, our acquisitiveness, our ambitions. That cannot be, so we must content ourselves with friendships of a much lesser order, but at least let us be honest about it.

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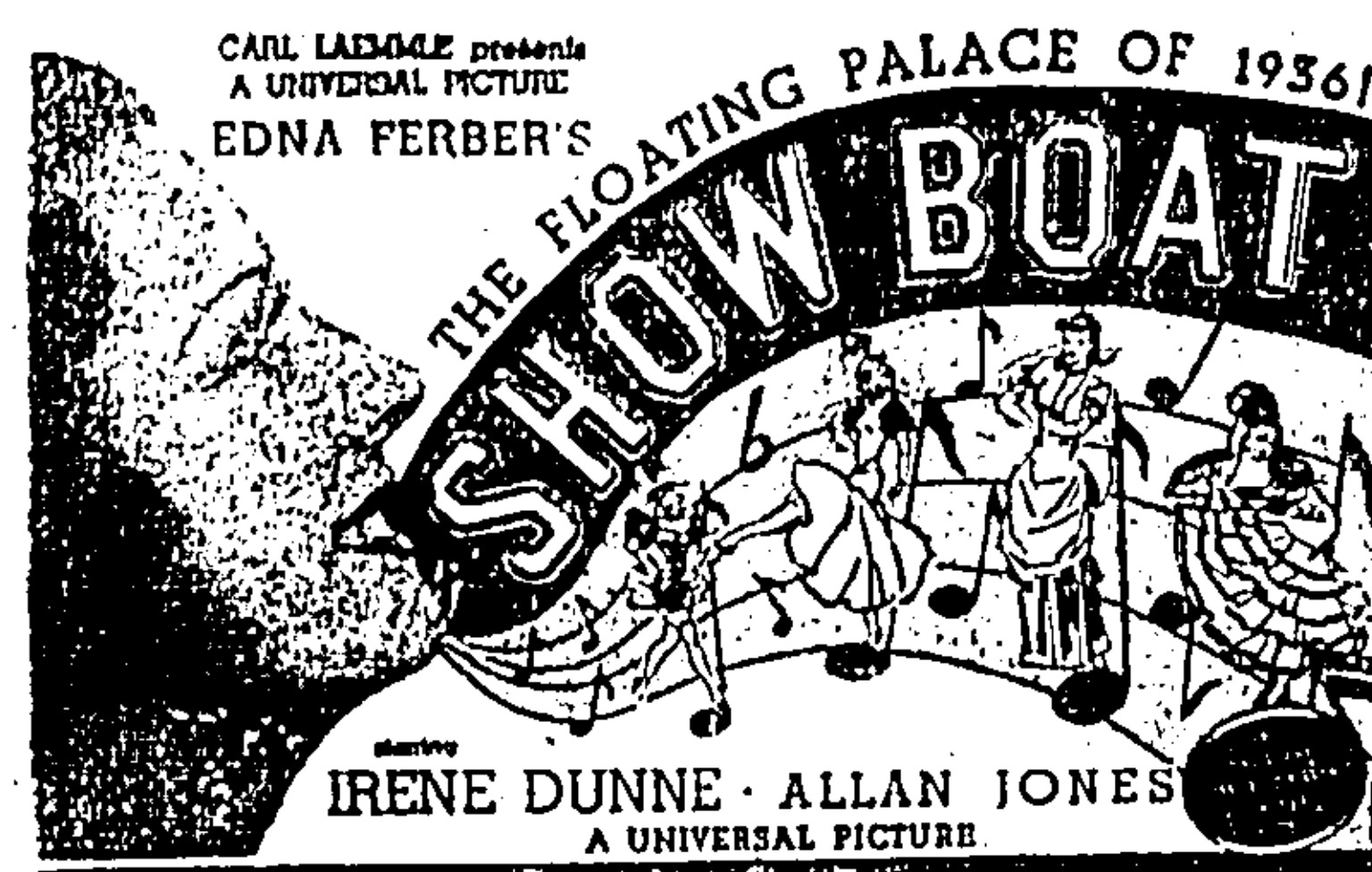
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comment. Newspapers which have published the news do not comment either.

While official quarters are silent as yet, it is feared in diplomatic circles that Dr. Benes will suffer a severe setback at the talks.—Trans-Ocean.

Slap For Soviet

Geneva, Sept. 29. Geneva is dumfounded at the fact that the Soviet Foreign Secretary, far from being invited to the conference at Munich, has not even been informed that it is taking place.—Trans-Ocean.

BERLIN, Sept. 28.

It is reported here that the British and French Ministers in Prague have made new representations to the Prague Government in an eleventh hour effort to avert war.—United Press.

Czechs to Evacuate?

Paris, Sept. 28. It is stated here that M. Edouard Daladier has made a highly important declaration to a deputation of about fifty Right Wing deputies who called on him to obtain information. M. Daladier stated that he is about to address a request to Dr. Benes, President of Czechoslovakia, to order the evacuation of the Sudeten areas where there is an incontestable majority of Germans, and to inform the President at the same time that France would intervene only if the new frontier defined in the Anglo-French proposals was maintained.—Trans-Ocean.

Commence at 6 p.m.

Munich, Sept. 29. The Four Power Conference will hold its first meeting here at 11 a.m. (6 p.m. Hongkong time) when all the statesmen have arrived. The deliberations will be held in the recently completed Fuehrer Building on the Koenigsplatz.—Trans-Ocean.

Japan to Plead For Peace?

Tokyo, Sept. 28. A Foreign Office spokesman announced to-day that Mr. Joseph Grew had requested Mr. Ugaki, the Japanese Foreign Minister, to make similar proposals to Germany and Czechoslovakia as had the United States. The Japanese reply was that Japan was desirous of a peaceful settlement and therefore "has given the proposal serious consideration from Japan's own standpoint and will take appropriate measures in this connection."—United Press.

Berlin Says "Thank God"

Berlin, Sept. 28. In a statement on the Munich Conference published by the German News Agency it is stated: "It is learned in well informed circles here to-day that new proposals for a solution of the Czechoslovakian crisis have been submitted by the British and French Governments, and the British Prime Minister has offered to meet the Fuehrer again for a personal talk. 'Simultaneously Signor Mussolini has offered his help in a search for an immediate solution. 'The Czech crisis does not bear of any delay in view of the German preparations, and the situation demands categorically an immediate solution. 'In view of this state of affairs, and the fact that the previous proposals do not do justice to the situation, and led by a desire to make a last effort to carry out peacefully the handing over of the Sudeten territory, the Fuehrer has invited the heads of the Governments of France, Britain and Italy for a personal talk, and it is hoped that at the eleventh hour this talk will lead to an agreement regarding measures to be put into practice immediately for handing over the Sudeten areas, as was promised by the Czech Government. 'Political quarters here were electrified by the news of the Munich Conference, and hopes which had been at zero rose rapidly, to the

accompaniment of a unanimous exclamation of "thank God."—Reuter.

Hungarian Threat

Budapest, Sept. 29. It is announced here that the Hungarian Minister in Prague has handed a Note to the Czech Foreign Minister, in which Hungary declares that she would regard as an unfriendly attitude any discrimination against the Hungarian minority.—Reuter.

Goebbels' Declaration

Berlin, Sept. 29. Addressing a mass meeting of workmen this evening, Herr Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, did not refer to the Munich Conference, and assured his audience most confidently that Germany would attain one way or another the return of the Sudeten areas. "The day is quite close, perhaps closer than Prague imagines," he declared. Germany would wait for a certain time but Prague's promises must be fulfilled either in peace or with force. "The tension which at present hangs over Europe is in reality the crisis in the recovery of this sick continent. 'Formerly the world did not bother with us, but now the world looks to Germany with much attention. The centre of European politics has now shifted to Germany," declared the Minister.—Reuter.

Parliament Recess Until Monday

London, Sept. 29. Parliament has adjourned until October 3. It is understood that M. Jan Masaryk, the Czech Minister in London, has handed a note to Mr. Chamberlain, suggesting that a Czech representative attend the Munich Conference.—Reuter.

Her Majesty's Hopes

London, Sept. 29. As the train conveying the Queen from Balmoral to London halted at Aberdeen, the Queen discussed the new turn of events with Bailie Anderson and said she had been greatly heartened by the new turn of events, adding that "we all hope that it will lead to a peaceful settlement."

The Queen also expressed a hope that she and the King would be able to return to Balmoral shortly.—Reuter.

Chamberlain's Note To Mussolini

Rome, Sept. 29. The Note which was sent to Rome by Mr. Chamberlain has been published here. It states: "I have sent a last appeal to Herr Hitler to-day, urging him not to resort to force in settling the Sudeten problem, which I sincerely believe can be settled by means of a short conference. 'I have offered to discuss the settlement immediately with representatives of the German and Czech Governments and also with representatives of Italy and France. 'I trust that Your Excellency intends to inform the German Chancellor of the fact that you are willing to participate and that you will urge him to accept my proposal. All our peoples would thus be saved from war. 'I have already given a guarantee that the Czech promises will be fulfilled and I trust that a complete agreement can be achieved within a week. 'Later the Duce held a conversation over the telephone with Herr Hitler, in which he expressed his favour of the proposal.—Trans-Ocean.

Australian Support

Canberra, Sept. 29. The most crowded House in the history of the Australian Commonwealth Parliament listened to the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Joseph Lyons, make a statement last night on the European situation. Britain has the support of Australia in her efforts to preserve peace, declared Mr. Lyons. This policy was affirmed by the whole British Commonwealth of Nations in 1937 at the Imperial Conference, and has been carried out to the letter. "If war comes it will not be by reason of anything the British nations have done or failed to do," declared Mr. Lyons.—Reuter.

CORRESPONDENCE ON CRISIS SHOWN IN WHITE PAPER

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"There must surely be alternatives to your proposal."—Reuter.

Summary Rejection

London, Sept. 29. It is disclosed here that Herr Hitler, in his reply to Mr. Chamberlain's letter, summarily rejected the Czech arguments regarding the German Memorandum. Replying to Mr. Chamberlain's appeal for peace, the Fuehrer stated that "I openly declare that I cannot bring myself to understand these arguments or admit they can be regarded as being seriously put." This response was in reply to a letter sent by Mr. Chamberlain on September 26, asking the Chancellor to agree to a conference as a method of settling the Sudeten difficulty. In his letter Herr Hitler said that the demand for an immediate German occupation of the Sudeten areas represented no more than a security measure designed to guarantee the quick and smooth working of a final settlement. If Germany renounced the demand and left the further treatment of the problem to negotiations the "present unbearable conditions in the Sudeten areas will continue to exist for a period the length of which cannot be foreseen. I must leave it to your judgment whether in the face of these facts you think you should continue your efforts."—United Press.

More Offers From India

London, Sept. 29. The Indian Office has announced that offers of services to the King in the event of war have been received from the Maharaja of Kapurthala, the Maharaja of Jhalawar and the Aga Khan.—Reuter.

Dutch Neutrality

The Hague, Sept. 29. The Netherlands intends to remain neutral under all circumstances, declared M. Colijn in a broadcast last night. He added that the Netherlands would not, however, give a passage to any armies and would defend every attack.—Reuter.

Prayers in Prague

Prague, Sept. 29. To-day was a half-holiday in Prague. As the feast of St. Wenceslas was held prayers for peace were said in all the churches. At the monument to St. Wenceslas, which dominates the main thoroughfare of Prague, vast crowds gathered in the streets in silent prayer.—Reuter Special.

Prague Precautions

Prague, Sept. 29. Czechoslovakia is still busy preparing her defences. The Government yesterday took all the necessary steps preparatory to the evacuation of the civilian population from the frontier regions and the capital, if that move should become necessary. Government has issued decrees stating that the salaries of all persons engaged in military service or civil service connected with the national defence cannot be seized for debts. All stocks of rubber motorcar tyres have been requisitioned for military purposes.—Reuter.

Newspaper Seized

Paris, Sept. 29. The first invocation of press control by the Government took place to-day when officials seized the Liberte, in which M. Flandin had written an article containing the statement, "French people, you are being deceived. The facts are being withheld and the French nation should not fight for Czechoslovakia."—United Press.

War Risks On Land

London, Sept. 29. In reply to a question in the House of Commons, Sir John Simon announced that the Government has reached the conclusion that damage to property on land in Britain is not an appropriate subject of insurance against war risks. The Government, at the same time, is considering a plan for eventual compensation for any damage which might take place.—Reuter Special.

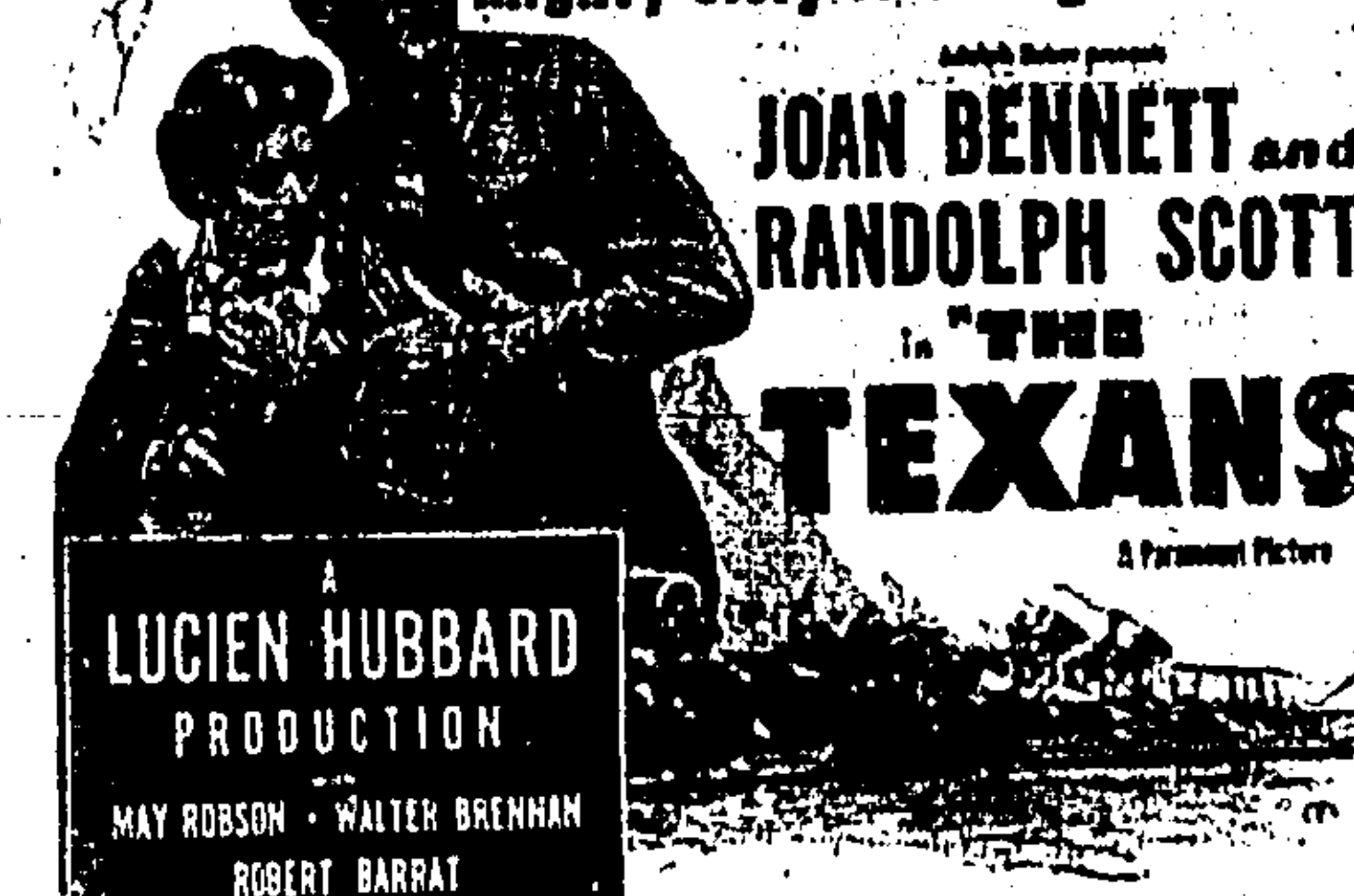
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PUBLIC SERVICES

Chinese Women to Hold Charity Ball

Members of the Hongkong branch of the National Women's Relief Association will hold a charity ball at the Hongkong Hotel at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 7, to raise funds for relief work during the coming winter and for the purchase of warm clothing and blankets for the refugees.

Patrons at the function are promised an elaborate programme of entertainment, which will include a beautiful pageant showing the attire worn by Chinese women from previous dynasties to the present. Other items on the programme will be singing and violin solo by Miss Nee-na Long and tap-dancing by Miss Betty Lee.—Central News.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE Will all men holding a First-Aid certificate who wish to volunteer their services please report to St. John Ambulance Brigade Headquarters, Tai Hang Road, Causeway Bay.

REGISTRY WEDDINGS

Two weddings took place yesterday afternoon before Mr. W. A. Jones, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, at the Registry, Supreme Court. Joseph Henry Pittman, army warrant officer, of the "Garrison Sergeant's Mess, Hongkong, married Amy Gentry (nee Bosworthick), of 2 Kennedy Road, A Block, Hongkong. The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. C. Watson.

Mr. So Wai-kong, editor of The Age Pictorial of Hongkong, married Ma Man-ying, nurse at the Kwong Wah Hospital, Yau-mat. The witnesses were Messrs. So Wai-ching and Albert Lau.

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